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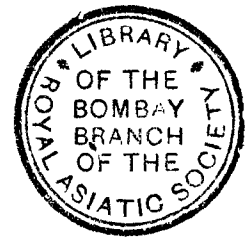

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RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE

LETTERS TO TELLICHERRY. 1746-47

(VOLUME IX)

[From August 1746 to June 1747.]

N°. 1

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We Wrote you last under the 6th. of May, by the way of Madrass (Duplicate of which is Enclosed) And on the 1st. & 9th. Instant received your Letters of the 1st. & 10th. of June last, with the several Papers Enclosed agreeable to their respective Lists.

Your refusing to let the Samorine have any Muskets was right as well because you were engaged in Warr yourselves, as because you know we have very few at present in Store, insomuch that we have none to send You, when any can be spared it will not be impolitick to Supply him, lest your refusals shou'd cause him to have recourse to the French, who on such occasion wou'd assume a Merit in doing it.

As the Honble Company have no business to interfere with the disputes, between the Samorine & Moors, The Chiefs Journey to Visit the Samorine at Callicut wou'd Create an unnecessary Expence; his proposal of declining it is therefore Approved.

We observe the Achamars of Rhandoterra promised to discharge the last Years Interest on their Ola's in October next, but as the Principal of their Debt is large you will do well to Press them for that too.

The Price of Pepper being reduc'd is very pleasing to us and we doubt not of your endeavour to bring it still lower, tho' we are sensible that the best way to Effect that, is by Degrees. We approve of your Adjusting with the Pepper Merchants at the end of December, And admit that, that wou'd be the properest time, to make up their Accounts, & [take] Acknowledgements from them of their respective states. But the H°. Company having been pleas'd in their Commands of the 15th. March 1744/5 ℔ Walpole, to direct that those Acknowledgments shou'd be taken upon Balancing the Books of their different Factorys Compliance is likewise due to the same.

And with regard to your Observations of the Pepper Merchants engaging in other sorts of Trade with the money Advanced them by the H°. Company for Purchasing Pepper, we fear indeed there is too much reason to apprehend it, thô we despair for the reasons you give, and from endeavours heretofore used by your Predecessors of its being effectually prevented; upon the whole then we have only to remark that provided you use the utmost Caution the Nature of the thing will Admit, it is all that can be Expected from You.

We are glad to hear that the Country was restor'd to Tranquility after the Death of Prince Cuni Homo, which gives us hopes that the Settlement of the Government of Cannanore, will likewise Ensue. The occasion for which the Soldiers were sent you from hence being thus over, you may (unless you shou'd want them for any other Service) return them to us. But you must Pay that part of the Walpoles Detatchment that are now with You, half their Pay for such time, as they may Continue at your Settlement, & the other half will be made good to their Families here.

By the first proper Conveyance We shall supply you with such Stores & Medicines, as you have Indented for, and we can Spare, And had there been a Probability of the Walpoles touching on the Coast, you wou'd have received some by her. Your Indenting to Bengall for Gunny Baggs was right.

Your converting the Old Treasury into a Rice Warehouse, and fitting up another Place instead of it for a Treasury, is Approv'd, as the Expence is small.

By the help of the several Accounts you have Transmitted us, Our Account with Your Factory to the 31st. July 1745 can be Adjusted on the General Books for the precedeing Year.

We have recd of the Owners of the Elizabeth Rupees (23—2) for her second Mate Mr. Samburghs Maintainance at your Factory.

In consideration of the Good Character you give of Mr. Severack your Surgeons Mate, We have no Objection to your allowing him twenty four Rupees ℔ Month being the same Wages as used to be allow'd Persons in his Station.

Cacart Tupy has been long known to be a shuffling Fellow, but we doubt not your endeavours to recover his Debt, as well as Ballipy Cutiassems.

We shall supply you with a Chest of Fifths, & another of Quarters, when they can be Coined. By the means of which we judge you will be able to keep the French, and other base Fanhams out of your Treasury.

The 1st. King of Cotiote being dead, we hope you will be on better Terms with the second his successor. But as to their Pretensions to the Island of Durmapatam, We know of no just Ones they have to any part thereof.

Its not yet determin'd when the Pelham will leave this Port, however your Pepper must be kept in readiness for shipping off with the utmost Expedition, on board whatever Conveyance we may Order to take it.

This goes by an Express Boat, on receipt of which you must forward the enclos'd Packet to Anjengo, either by her or a Toney, you returning the Boat to us, when you may have any Advices of Consequence for us to know.

Let Mr. Robert Hunt prepare himself to come hither on the first proper Conveyance that may offer.

We are

Yr. Loving Friends

W. Wake.
W. Sedgewicke.
Thos. Marsh.
John Munro.
R. Rawdon.
Richd. Sanders.
Geo : Scott.

Bombay Castle
August 21st. 1746.
Recd the 29th. following
℔ Express Boat.

No. 2

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

We have received Your sevral Letters of the 10th. Ulto. & 12th. Instant, the former giving an Account of a French Ship which appeared off Mahie the 11th. June.

We have the same Advices from Madrass of the 5th. Ulto. of the Engagement between five of our Men of Warr & Nine French Ships Commanded by Monsr. L'Bourdinais, & impatiently wait to hear how the French have proceeded since they Landed their Treasure, Goods, & Sick and Wounded Men. We can hardly

think they will venture a second Engagement with Our Men of Warr, and as sevral of their Ships were Country Ships fitted out purely to relieve Pondicherry, We hope & believe those Ships must be return'd to their proper Owners, which must greatly Weaken that Squadron.

If the French can come round Ceylone again with a sufficient Force, it is not improbable they intend a Settlement at Coletchy, for we have too much reason to suspect that the King of Travencore is ready to receive them, whether they have any thoughts of attempting any of Our Settlements, we cant tell, but hope we shall be able to Defend them.

With concern we read the Account of the Capture of the Lorrain, especially as the Captain gave her up so tamely. She may prove a Mischievous Vessel, if our returning Bengallers are not Advis'd of her. Shou'd any of our Bombay Grabs come down the Coast, they will soon Clear us of these little Fellows.

We rejoice to hear that you are at Peace with the Mallabar Princes, and hope you will soon come to an Accommodation with the Moors. We do not find any Extraordinary hopes of Our Pepper Crop to the Southward.

We are

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

ANJENGO
AUGUST 18TH. 1746.
RECD THE 8TH. SEPT. FOLLOWING
℔ TONEY.

No. 3

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 30th. Ulto. came to hand the 3d. Instant in the Evening with a Packet from the Presidency, as you proposed returning the Express Boat in five or six days, it is needless for us to Write to the Presidency till some other Conveyance offers.

With great pleasure we hear the Augusta Escaped the French ships, We make no doubt they came from France this Year, and hope that Our Men of Warr will have Cleared the other Coast of Monsr. L'Bourdinais Squadron, before they can arrive there, The season is far Elapsed for them to think of proceeding for Pondicherry.

Our former Letters from the Presidency Order'd us to apply to you Gentlemen for what Money we might want to carry on our Honble Masters Affairs, & we have now received a List of a Cloth Investment, which we shall Endeavour to provide, and must desire that you will Supply us with Twenty, or thirty thousand Rupees, by the first safe Conveyance that offers. We are

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.

ANJENGO
SEPTR. 5TH. 1746.
N.B. We have omitted in our last to Advise that your Boat People were supplied wth. two Bales of Rice amtg. to Rs. 4. 1. 33 for which we shall Debt your Factory.
RECD ℔ TONEY THE 12TH. FOLLOWING.

No. 4

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

We now return the Munchua that brought our Detatchment; her Charges here amounting to Rupees Seven, we shall Debt your Factory for.

We are

Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants
Rd. Bourchier.
Ths. Pattle.
Ths. Lane.

Anjengo
Sept: 11th. 1746.
Recd 22nd. following ℔ Munchua.

No. 5

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs,

We wrote you last under the 21st. Ulto. ℔ Express Boat, Duplicate of which is enclosed.

This you will receive by the Pelham on whom we have laden Tons 137. Dec 018 as ℔ Calculate of Tonnage Enclosed, the remainder of which being Tons 360. D. 982 you must Compleat with the Carmenia Wool returned by Captain Westcott, & Pepper, & after giving the Commander as much more of this last Article as he will Engage in behalf of his Owners to carry at half Freight, deliver him his final dispatches for Great Brittain.

Enclosed is Copy of the 4th. 5th. & 11th. Paragraphs of the Honble Companys Commands to this Presidency ℔ Ship received here the 31st. Ulto. by the Essex from Mocho. by the last of which you will perceive their Orders, with regard to Pepper, concerning which we shall Write the necessary directions by another Opportunity.

The Severn imported from England at Mocho so late as the 27th. July which Place she was to leave about the 22nd. Ultimo and if she had arrived here in time was to have been sent to Bengall At present we think of dispatching her hence to your Port for filling up for England but it cannot be amiss that you hold as much Pepper in readiness to be shipt off as you conveniently can. The Essex arrived here from Mocho the 31st. Ultimo fully loaded with Coffee and now sails for Great Britain.

The Salt Petre ℔ Essex having been consigned to you from Bengall we have received no Account thereof from that Presidency. As we are at a Loss therefore to bring it on our Books, you must send us by the first Opportunity a Copy of the Invoice you received by that Ship.

We have sent you by this Ship only five Chests of Treasury in order to lessen the Risque of what must be transmitted you by the Grabs or some other proper and timely Conveyance amounting with Stores for your Factory and Anjengo to Rupees 61675. 1. 62. as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading in the Packett.

Mr. Robert Hunt being order'd in our last to repair hither Mr. Hugh Symmons now proceeds to the assistance of your Factory. He commenced Senior Merchant the 26th. December last and must take his Place at your Board accordingly. His salary has been paid to the 1st. July last inclusive and Diet Money to the End of this Month.

Messrs. Fowke and Hatton being likewise appointed to the Assistance of Anjengo Factory proceed on this Ship to your Settlement. you will furnish them theretore with a proper Conveyance to carry them and their Necessaries, sending at the same time the several Stores now consign'd you with our Packett directed to the Chief and Factors there.

We have now sent about half your annual Supply of Stationary Ware being all we can spare till the Ships arrive from England.

The Ho. Company for this Season only have allowed an Advance of one Penny a Rupee for all Bills drawn on them, Which you may observe in Case you should have Occasion to make any Remittances from your Senttlement [*sic*]. If the Commander of this Ship or his Officers want to pay in any Money into your Treasury you may grant them Certificates as usual.

Provide the Spans according to the enclosed Indent as soon as possible.

We are

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

W. WAKE.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THO: MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
RICH: SANDERS.
GEO: SCOTT.

BOMBAY CASTLE
SEPTEMBER 14TH. 1746
℔ SHIP PELHAM.

No. 6

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

SINCE closing our General Advices of Yesterday Date We must to [*sic*] observe that Capt. Lindsay has no more than 88 Men on board the Pelham being 11 short of his Charter Party Compliments therefore if you have any Europeans who have serv'd out their contract[ed] time and demand their Discharges you may Ship them upon him and give him such further Assistance as his Charter Party (which he must produce to you on your demanding it) requires but take due Care nôt to permit any of the Europeans who have not serv'd their contracted time to go with him and be very watchfull that none of your Europeans be entic'd away or steal on board—As we are in absoulte Necessity of all you can spare of the Detachment from hence remaining with you.

We are

SIRS

Your Loving Friends

WILLIAM WAKE.
W. SEDGWICK.
THO: MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
RICH: SANDERS.
GEO: SCOTT.

BOMBAY CASTLE
SEPTEMBER 15 1746.
℔ SHIP PELHAM.

No. 7

To George Dudley Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

We wrote you the 5^th^. Inst^t^. by your Toney at which time we desired that you wou'd send us a Supply of twenty or thirty thousand Rupees more for the Currency of the Year, which we thought proper to advise you in time, as the President and Council of Bombay ordered us to make our demands on your factory for what money we shou'd want, Shou'd you not be in Cash you will please to advise the Presidency that we may not be disappointed.

Some of the Natives that Came from Jaffuapatam the 3^rd^. Inst^t^. give an Acco^t^, that they heard the Gunns of an Engagement between our Men of Warr and the French for Several Days but as these are the Black fellows Reports, there is no Relying on them.

We have not Either Seen or heard any thing of the three French Ships which Arrived Mahie the 25^th^. Ultimo Since your Letter of the 30^th^. Ultimo.

We are

Anjengo
Sempter. 22^nd^. 1746.
℔ Toney.

P.S. We mus[t] Request you will send us by the return of this Boat 1 Candy Square & 1 Candy flat Barr Iron being in great want to Compleat our Gun Carriages.

Sir and Sirs
Your most Humble servants
R^D^. Bourchier.
Tho^s^. Pattle.
Tho^s^. Lane.

No. 8

To the Worshipfull George Dudley Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors.

Sir and Sirs

Agreeable to your directions on my Arrival here, I enquir'd of the Linguist what necessaries he had in readiness, which will appear by the accompanying List of Sundries which I now forward, and you may be Assur'd of the remainders being sent up, from time, as fast as procurable.

In regard to the Wheat recommended to be purchased. On enquiring of Captain Southcott he says there is not more than 80 Baggs, on board his Ship, which the Owners ask so exorbitant a Price for as 13 Rupees ℔ Bagg Q^tg^. five Surat Maunds therefore, as the Price was so very extraordinary and the Ship will not be going before I may receive your Orders, I request your directions concerning it.

Pedro Lewis has provided and will be able to send up the quantity of Country Arrack Ordered, as fast as Casks can be sent for that purpose from Tellicherry as none can be made, or are procurable here, the five he has now filld he desires may be return'd. my best endeavours shall be used, to prevent its being Adulterated and that now sent is esteem'd good. Casks for the Vinegar will be likewise wanted.

There is a prospect of being able to provide most of the Necessaries, inserted in the List delivered (and that I hope with dispatch) except the Ghee, and Biscuit the formers being brought from Inland only at certain times and then in small Quantities renders it scarce, though you may be Assur'd no Method shall be left

untried to get it immediately. A Provision of the latter depends on your further Commands, as part of the Wheat must be put to that use, as there is really no such thing here.

Carpenters will set about making Powder Chests to Morrow Morning as well Smiths in making Iron Lamps, as there is none to be had ready made.

Cooleys and Stone Cutters to the Number of 102 are Agreed with and will set out for Tellicherry to morrow Morning when I shall acquaint you with the Terms.

I now return the Toney loaded I came hither in, and hope you will not disapprove of my detaining the Corporal and Soldiers who are so much fatigued, by reason of the bad Weather we met with and their Ammunition Damaged, that they wou'd scarce be able to proceed.

I must beg leave to defer Replying to your directions relating to Mr. Platt, as I have not yet seen him.

The Corporal of the Toney that is gone to Anjengo, representing that through his hurry in leaving Tellicherry he had not had time to apply for Provision desired I wou'd get him some Ghee and other Necessarys for his Passage there. I accordingly did which I hope you will not be displeas'd at.

I am

SIR AND SIRS
With greatest Respect
Yr. most Obedt. Humble Servt.
W. DELAGARDE.

CALLICUT
OCTOBR. THE 1ST. 1746.
℔ TONEY.

No. 9

TO THE WORSHIPLL. GEO: DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

I AM this moment Advis'd by a Muckua who lives under the Companys Protection here; but has some Relations who serve the French, here that they have informed him a Toney Arrive'd there this Evening and brought News of four French Ships being off Penany I have had Our Mucquas of the Toney you sent to Cochin who pass'd Penany last Night and arriv'd here this Afternoon; but they say they saw no Ship, nor heard of any I have dispatched a small Toney; who if this News is true will be able to descry them to morrow; an [*sic*] which Case I shall immediately Advise you, I have detain'd the Toney who came from Cochin to load her, the Letter from thence, I now forward by this Toney Express.

I am
With Respect
SIR & SIRS
Yr. most Obedt. Servant
W. DELAGARDE.

CALLICUT
OCTOBER 2ND. 1746.
Past 9 o Clock P.M.
℔ TONEY.

N°. 10

To the Worshipfull George Dudley Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

By this Toney you will receive three hundred and fifty Soops of Charcoal I remain

Callicut

October 2^nd. 1746.

2. o Clock in the afternoon

℔ Toney.

Sir and Sirs

Your most Obed^t. Humble Serv^t.

W. Dela Garde.

N°. 11

To the Worshipfull George Dudley Esq^R.
Chief &c^A. Factors At Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

By 5 Toneys you will receive fifty Stone Cutters and as many Coolies, which you Ordered, with One Tivee who is their Head, and without whom they would not go. The stone Cutters, for some time insisted on five Rupees ℔ Month, exclusive of their Diet and with much Difficulty have been brought to take the same as the Coolies, which is three Rupees ℔ Month pay and three Quarters of a Bale of Rice two fanams for fish and 60 Billets of Wood each but with this Proviso, that on Trial if they shou'd not find it sufficient; they are to be at Liberty to Cut Stones, and be paid for them according to the Custom of Tellicherry without any further Allowance, Theyr [*sic*] pay is to Commence from the time of their Arrival. And having requested a Months pay; I have been Obliged to Comply with it. Their Diet to be made good to them on their arrival, shou'd they request it And as but few of the Stone Cutters have instruments and judging these [*sic*] might be none to Spare at Tellicherry I have purchased 29 Machadoes, which is now sent with them. Their Head Tivee allowed six Rupees Monthly, with an Allowance of One Bale of Rice two Fanams for Fish 100 Billets of Wood, which I am enformed, is Customary, on such Occasions.

A Merchant is Agreed with for 100 thousand of Fire Wood (part of which will be sent to Morrow) at 2¼ ℔ Mill to be deliverd in Tellicherry free of all Charges, but as the Moors Feast continues three days more; I fear it cant be sent up with that Expedition I cou'd Wish, as all the Munchuaes are hauled up Ashore & will not be launched till it is over; which renders Conveyances very scarce.

There is such a Call for Chunam at prezent from the French who have for some past buying up all they can get, that there is none immediately procurable, most of that now sent is what was Landed from the Expedition Munchua last year, as She was not able to proceed on Acco^t. of the Weather, which as it was much damaged; has taken some time in Re-Embaling. The Call for Chunam being so great, has raised the Price of Charcoal considerably as there is much used in making it. a Thousand Soops are agreed for and will be sent with all Expedition.

Of the six Toneys you ordered to be kept in pay, One went Yester Night, and five now who is to be paid 10 Fanams each Mucqua ℔ Month.

By Five Toneys your Wo. &ca. will receive Sundry Necessaries agreeable to the Enclosed List.

I remain

TELLICHERRY

Wo. SIR AND SIRS

OCTOBR. 2ND. 1746.

Your most Obedt. & most humble Servt.

W. D'LAGARDE.

Past 10 o Clock P.M.

P.S. Your Wo. &ca. will perceive by the Account 252 Bales is laden on Two Toneys of the Chunam design'd by the Expedition of which no more could be taken in by the Toneys than 225 the remainder will be sent by the next Opportunity.

℔ TONEY.

No. 12

TO THE Wo. GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Commands of the 1st. Instant I reced this Morning by Protocarem Pacqiy, whom I shall hasten to send up as much Firewood as he can get with all Expedition, as likewise the Chunam he may be able to provide, and as I Agreed Yesterday with another Merchant for some Firewood, A Munchua Load of which is dispatched I doubt not of being able to send up between them both as much as Yr. Worship &ca. may want shortly after the Moors Fast is over when Conveyances will be plenty. As I judged it wou'd be making more dispatch to have the Wood Counted at Tellicherry your Worship &ca. will be pleased to let me know on its Arrival the Number of Billets deliver'd according to which it will be paid for, at Rs.

2. 1 ℔ Mill.

I received this Morning 8 Casks four Europe and four Goa those that are fit for use are fill'd and now sent, and with one I have purchased the rest is repairing as they were very leaky.

I wrote your Worship &ca. Yesterday that in five Toneys went 101 Stone Cutters and Coolies, but as they could not be got together for Embarking till late, two or three (I know not exactly) has found means to Abscond, thô the whole Number was Counted at the sea side. The Money they have been Advanced (if they cannot be found) their Head Tivee is Obliged to make good.

Herewith comes Account of Sundries now sent in three Toneys with their Amount.

Mr. Plat has been with me this Morning, who expresses an Eearnest desire of serving the Honble Company but as he says the Samorine is in the utmost necessity for him at present and that he is actually preparing Necessaries with all Expedition, to go against the Moors for that reasons, a[s] I apprehended that Encouraging him to leave the Samorine at this juncture might be attended with the ill Consequences you have directed me to avoid therefore shall wait for your further Orders before I give him an Answer.

The Toney sent to descry the Ships I yesterday Advis'd you was Reported to be off Penany is not yet returned which I impute to the bad Weather, which has also prevented these Toneys setting out sooner.

CALLICUT
OCTOBER THE 3RD. 1746
9 o'Clock P.M.
℔ TONEY.

I am
SIR AND SIRS with Respect
Yr. most Obedient humble Servt.
WILLIAM D'LAGARDE.

No. 13

To GEO: DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Commands of the 4th. Instant with Account Short delivery of Sundries I recd.

The Difference of the Dungaree the Linguist (who says he Measured it) imputes to the Tellicherry Covits, being longer than that here, for which reason I now send a Covit of this Place, with which he desires it may be Re-measur'd.

The Charcoal Deficient is judged to be owing to its having been much Wetted by Rain, the day it was embarked which has Occasioned its breaking in small Pieces and thereby a larger Quantity was requisite to fill the Measure, when delivered than when received here.

The Persons who Weighd the Ghee assert that the Quantity mention'd in the Accot. was delivered from this Place, but your Worship &ca. may be Assured that Strict Enquiry will be made how it has happened as well as the rest and due Satisfaction be made where the fault is found.

Your directions shall be duly Observed in giving a seperate Chit to each Toney inserting the Sorts, and Quantities of Goods sent in her and an Invoice of the whole Quantity of Stores sent daily.

The Samorine has sent Sucma Putterah to request your Worship &ca. wou'd supply him, as soon as possible with 20 Maunds of Iron which on its arrival Sucamy Putterah, will pay the Amot. of.

The amount of Provisions supplied the Soldiers who went to Anjengo is One Rupee one Quarter and fifty Reas (Rs. 1. 1. 50).

Enclosed is the Account of Sundries sent the 5 and 6 Instant.

By this Toney Your Worship &ca. will receive Sundries agreeable to the Enclosed Account.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
With great Respect
Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
WILLIAM D'LAGARDE.

CALLICUT
OCTOBER 7TH. 1746
℔ TONEY.

No. 14

To THE WO. GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

HEREWITH you will receive Invoice of Sundrys sent this day, and Account Particulars forwarded by this Toney.

The Linguist desires Yr. Wo. &ca. will be pleased to Excuse his not having yet sent his Account for September, which has been Owing to the late hurry; and requests a Supply of 2000 Rupees.

I am
With Great Respect
Sir & Sirs
Yr. Most Obedt. Servt.
William D'Lagarde.

Callicut
October 8th. 1746
℔ Toney.

No. 15

To The Wo. Geo: Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors.

Sir & Sirs

Your Commands of the 8th. I recd this morning with One Candy of Iron for the Samorine which Suamy Putterah has paid the Amount of.

By this Toney your Wo. &ca. will receive Sundries, agreeable to the Enclosed Account.

I am
with Respect
Wo. Sir and Sirs
Yr. Most Obedt. Servt.
William D'Lagarde.

Callicut
October 9th. 1746
℔ Toney.

No. 16

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Some days ago the Chief received a Letter from Ezequiel Raby informing him of a Report from Mahie that the French had taken Fort St. George which we did not Regard Coming from that Quarter, but with the utmost Concern we inform you that this Morning he received an Ola from the King of Travancores prime Minister advising that the Nabob of Arcott had Confirmed this Report, how true God knows but we thought proper to send you this information, which we shall be greatly Rejoiced if you can Covetradict [*sic*] as we have no advices from Madrass since 27th. of June.

We shall be glad to know whether you Can Supply us with the Money we Wrote for, or have advised the Presidency to the Contrary, as we shall be in want of Money very soon. If you can spare us Six or Eight Guns 12. 9. or 6 Pounders with their Carriages &ca. we must desire that you will send them and advise the Presidency as we have wrote them to supply us.

We are
Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servant[s]
Richard Bourchier.
Thomas Pattle.
Thomas Lane.

Anjengo
Octobr. 1st. 1746.

P.S. We must request you'll forward the Accomp^a. Letter to Bombay with the utmost Expedition being of great Consequence.

℔ Toney.

No. 17

To George Dudley Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Your Letters of the 29^th^. and 30^th^. Ultimo and Duplicate of the former came safe to hand, Our Boat with the Iron Arrived the 7^th^. and your Toney with the Treasury (which left Callicut with her) did not Arrive till Yesterday Evening which has given us a good deal of uneasiness, and Obliged us to send a Boat to look after her Corporal lays the fault on the Marcar, which we hope you will enquire into, and punish those who deserve it for we understand that had they landed but a very little to the Northward of the Dutch Factory, they had lost both the Treasure, and their own Lives.

We have no manner of advice about Fort S^t^. George since our last, which gives us some hopes it may be false, or we think that we shou'd have heard of it by the Dutch from Tootacorine, nor have we any advice of the French from any part.

Our General Letter from the Presidency we have received and hope soon to see Mess^rs^. Fowke and Hatton with our Stores, which we are in great want of.

We now return your Tony which Arrived Yesterday afternoon, Enclosed comes the Paymasters Account for what She has been supplied with. If you have any advice of any French ships on the Coast we hope you will Communicate it or any thing with Certainty from the other Coast.

Anjengo
Oct^r^. 12^th^. 1746.
℔ Toney.

We are
Sir and Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
Richard Bourchier.
Tho^s^. Pattle.
Th^os^. Lane.

No. 18

To George Dudley Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors At Tellicherry.

Sirs

The 27^th^. Ultimo we received ℔ Express Boat yours of the 4^th^. with Duplicate of that of the 20^th^. August and as it is necessary you should have about proper to send hither on any Emergency or necessary Occasion we now return you the said Express Boat for such Purpose.

We are concerned to find, that the Canarees are likely to occasion fresh Trouble to the Prince of Tellicherry, more especially at this Time when your uncertain Situation with Respect to your Neighbours the French makes it absolutely necessary for you to be on good Terms with all the Country Powers and calls for your whole Force to be station'd in such manner as to frustrate the Designs of the French, should they make any Attempt upon y^r^. Settlement and in such Case you will do well to get the Prince to join with you against them.

As no Hostilities have been yet commenced by the French against your Settlement you may give the Prince such suitable Assistance against his Enimies as from time to time your own Circumstances will permit; althô in such manner as you can recall your forces so soon as you apprehend you may have Occasion for them in your own defence, or upon the arrival of any considerable sea force at Mihie Such Assistance may probably be convenient for you to give for keep^g^. him in your Interest and letting his Enemies see that you do not intend to be neuter in Case he is attack [*sic*], but to be a principal in their Quarrells as in the former Cannaree War must by no means be so much as tho^t^. of nor must you be at any considerable Expence but in your own Defence.

Should the French quarrell with Bayanore you may supply him with Ammunition and such Necessaries as he may want and you can spare he paying you for the same or giving you Notes for the Amount, and this we judge will be proper for you to insinuate to Bayanore in a timely and proper manner as likewise to the Nombiers &c^{a}. and if possible to get them to prepare, or make a shew at least of Preparation, before the arrival of the French, which may be in November, but with what Force is uncertain, Some of our Men of War may probably come upon this Coast therefore so soon as you are informed of the Force of such French Ships as may be upon it send immediate Advices of their force to Anjengo for the Information of the Comm^{r}. in Chief of the English Ships of War. These are such Hints as occur to us at present to give you, but as Circumstances are so liable to vary we must very [*sic*] upon your Prudence and Discretion to act on all sudden and emergent Occasions as appears to you most rational and for the Interest of Our H^{o}. Employers.

Althô purchasing the Essex's Pepper at Callicut is said to be occasion'd by a Misinterpretation of our Orders by the Gentlemen then of Council, it is to be observed that when the SupraCargoes of that Ship acquainted you that they could dispose of the greatest Part thereof and desired to be supplied with the like Quantity out of your own Warehouse their Request was refused as appears by their Letter to us of the 4th. March last (as ℔ Copy enclosed) and your Consultation of the 20th. February at which the present Chief and M^{r}. Douglas were present.

As that Part of the Walpole's Detachment which remains at your Settlement have no Families here your allowing their full Pay was right.

The Severn not being yet arriv'd from Mocho we cannot now say at what time you may expect the Stores you have indented for, and such further Supplies as will be sent you.

We are concerned to find such long Disputes, Dissents and Remarks on so small a Subject as twenty three Candies of Pepper seiz'd by the King of Cotiote. It is certain it must be the Merchants Loss, if it is irrecoverable, when in such Case, they must make the H^{o}. Company the best Restitution they can for such Deficiency in their Contract. Such Accidents as this have heretofore frequently happened, when the Chief always gave the Merchants such Assistance for the Recovery of their Pepper as he could, by writing Olas or otherwise interceeding in their Behalf with such as had injured them.

We admire you should write to us to know how to adjust an Account of so little Intricacy as that of Ticandy Cuniallys and should be sorry if you did not know how to do it in an equitable manner as well as we can direct you for in case he or other Merchants will not at any time comply with reasonable Terms you undoubtedly know it is your Duty to use the most suitable Endeavours to oblige them to it.

We have not had time to read over the tedious Arguments on both Sides althô. from the Nature of your Disputes we perceive that if a little Calmness and Prudence had been made use of there would have been no occasion for them but to prevent all further Disputes for the present we order that Mess^{rs}. Stonestreet and Robinson do not sit in Council, but that the Burthen of the Business may not lye on the other Servants we likewise order that M^{r}. Nicholas Stonestreet continue in the Offices of Storekeeper and Steward And that M^{r}. John Robinson be reinstated in the Office of Sercretary and Continue Collector of Durmapatam; And in Case they do not behave in a diligent and siutable manner you are to suspend them till Our further Orders.

If you cannot get ninety Rupees or more ℔ Surat Candy for the Cotton we would not have you dispose of it till Our further Orders.

The Indent for Plank and Timber for Gombroon Factory sent you by the Prince of Orange was an exact Copy of that we received from Gombroon But as the Agent will be here in a few days we expect he will give us the true Dimensions, which shall be transmitted to you by the Conveyance.

The Chief having represented to the President that Mr. John Edgerton, who has acted for several Years as Serjeant Major at Yr. Settlement and behaved gallantly on many particular Occasions is very deserving of Promotion; an Ensigns Commission goes enclosed for him.

The Charges of the War with Ally Rajah must remain a Debt on your Books.

Bombay Castle
October the 3rd. 1746
℔ Express Boat.

We are
Your Loving Friends
W. Wake.
W. Sedgwicke.
Thos. Marsh.
J. Munro.
R. Rawdon.
Rich: Sanders.
Geo: Scott.

No. 19

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors At Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Your Letters of the 11th. and 12th. did not come to hand till the 19th. bad Weather having retarded their passages Messrs. Fowke and Hatton are arrived and we have received all the Stores agreable to the Invoice sent us, and shall be glad to have the Anchors when you can gett a Conveyance for them.

With great pleasure we hear of the safe arrival of our Honble Masters Ships Dragon, and Somersett in the Streights of Sunda and with impatience expect an Account of the Arrival of Commodore Griffin with the Coast and Bay Ships under his Convoy, which we hope will put an Effectual stop to the French Insolence on the Cormondell Coast, and every where else in India.

We have received all the Papers from Mr. Hinde and the Examination of the Puttera all the Room we have to hope that the French Accounts of the Surrender of Madrass is false, is from their Repeating to Often, with out Confirming any of their former Advices, as to the time when it Surrendered.

We wish it was in our power to assist Mr. Hinde in his Laudable Resolution of maintaining Fort St. Davids to the last but we much fear it will be impracticable for the Presidency to do it at this Season of the Year Shou'd Commodore Griffin Arrive before the Monsoon setts in, he can do it Effectually, or the Bengall Gentlemen may do it in Decr.

We hope you will able to Supply us with the Gunns mentioned in our former as they may be of Singular Service if the French shou'd Attack this Place. The four Rups. ninety four Reas (4. —. 94) supplied our Boat shall be duly brought to the Creditt of your Factory. Enclosed you will Receive our Paymrs. Acct. for what supplied these Munchuas Amounting to Rupees Eight (8. —. —) which please to Credit this Factory.

Anjengo
October 21st. 1746.

P.S. The Paymrs. has no Account
Rs.
to enclose but has advanced 8. as before mentioned.

℔ Barge.

We are
Sir & Sirs
Yr. Most Hble Servts.
Richd. Bourchier.
Thos. Pattle.
Thos. Lane.
Francis Fowke.
W. Hatton.

N°. 20

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE wrote you last by an Express Boat under the 3^rd. Instant Duplicate whereof is enclosed. That Boat we sent chiefly to give you a quick Opportunity of communicating to us any important Advices you may have; And as it is necessary you shou'd have another for the like Purpose we dispatch this Boat to be returned when you judge requisite.

By Advices from various Parts there is too much reason to apprehend that the News of the French having taken Madrass, as the Chief wrote the President, is true. It is reported that their next Designs are against the Honble Companys Pepper Settlements and this Place, Which whether true or not it behoves you as well as us to be on Guard ag^st. them. As to Men and Ammunition you are supplied as fully as our own Circumstances will permit. And with regard to the Small Arms mentioned in the Storekeepers Cap^t. Commandants and Gunner's Indent which ought also to have been sign'd by you all we find on compa^rg. In Indents to England with what has been rec^d. that Our Supplies from thence are very far short of Our repeated Demands; in so much that we are very bare Ourselves, owing Perhaps to Our Europe Ships not being arriv'd.

In Order to strengthen your Garrison You may enlist such a number of Topasses as you may judge proper And as we recommended it to You in our last to be on good Terms with all the Country Powers and especially to get the Prince to join with you against the French, should they make any Attempt against your Settlement, as likewise the Part we judged proper for you to act with Respect to Boyanore the Nombiers &c^a. we now repeat the same, not doubting of your making a good Defence in case of being attackt by the French.

As we do not think it prudent to send Our Grabs your Way, In Case any of Our Europe ships bound hither should call at your Port you must Send on board them as much Pepper as they can take in, and provided any good Country Ships offer for this Place or Surat You may freight some on board them at as reasonable Terms as you can in Case you should have no News of any French Ships of Force being on this Coast to the Northward of you. And as it appears by your Advices of the 20^th. August that you are in Expectation of an uncommon plentifull Crop of Pepper this Year which probably may be purchased at a Cheaper Rate than heretofore we would have only such a Quantity of this Article reserved as with what you may send hither will make three thousand (3000) Candies at the 20^th. April next, you Selling the Remainder on the best Terms You can. And with regard to Your Money we referr you to a Letter the President now writes the Chief.

M^r. Withwell informing us that Gombroon Factory does not stand in need of the Plank and Joices mentioned in ours ℔ Prince of Orange, You need not provide them but if they are already purchased let them remain at Callicut as they may be of Use here.

Let the enclosed Packet for Anjengo be forwarded as soon as possible to Ezekiel Rabby at Cochin, for whom is a Letter in this Packet from the President.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
N. WHITTWELL. [*sic*].
W. SEDGWICKE.
THO^S. MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
RICH: SANDERS.

BOMBAY CASTLE
OCTOBER 28^TH. 1746
℔ EXPRESS BOAT.

N°. 21

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Our last to you was under the 21st. Instant and Yesterday we received yours of the 22nd. Instt. We believe our boat did not put ashore at Calliquillone, or at least the fellows deny it, As the Money Came safe at last there is no harm done but by what we can Learn had they Landed but a very little to the Northward of Porca, they had run an eimaient [*sic*] Risque of the Treasure and their own Lives, we hope they will be more Cautious in future.

We are Sorry to hear that you Cant spare us the Guns we want, but observe that you have wrote to the Presidency for them when they Arrive we will send a Vessell to bring them down if you can Spare us a few Shells of eight Inches please to send us some by the first Conveyance, all we have being too small for our Mortar.

Mr. Bourchier has Communicated the Contents of Mr. Hindes Letter and we can't help being greatly surpriz'd that, that Gentlemen has not been able all this time to gett any ℔ticular Accot. to be depended on. We hope the Country Government have not Joint the French on that Coast, and if they have not sure the Gentlemen at Madrass Might have found means to write him; When you have any Accot. to be depended on we hope you will Communicate it as shall be done by us who are

ANJENGO
OCTOBER 27TH. 1746.
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your Most Hble Servts.
R. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.
FRANCIS FOUKE [*sic*].
WILLIAM HATTON.

N°. 22

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.

CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

THIS is to inform you that Yesterday Evening imported our Hoñble Masters Ship Ilchester, she left Great Brittain the 16th. May last, and on the 8th. of October she spoke with the Essex Capt. Jackson in the Latitude of 3d. 6 South she brings an Accot. that the Exeter and Lynn both for Bombay and China we [*sic*] not dispatched when he left England Capt. Misenor sailed some time before him as did the Men of Warr under Commodore Griffin, he has touched at the Cape.

We are
SIR & SIRS
Yr. Most Hble Servts.
R. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
THOS. LANE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.
W. HATTON.

ANJENGO
NOVR. 7TH. 1746
℔ TONEY.

No. 23

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

Late last night our Pattamar Returned from Fort St. David with the accompanying General Letter from the Presidencys.

We have a General Letter also from Mr. Hinde and his Council informing us that Fort St. George was surrendered to the French on the 10th. of September, and that the French did intend to attack Fort St. Davids, had not a providential Storm prevented them which happen'd on the 2nd. and 3d. of October in which two of their Ships founder'd and disabled the Rest that Madrass was to have been Ransom'd, but they dont know on what terms, nor was that agreement Ratified by Monsieur Dupleix, who has put a Governour and Council into Madrass which place is now besieged by the Nabab's Son of Arcott, which has Reduced both the English and French in the Place to great Streights—That Monsieur De LaBourdonois with the three Ships from this Coast and the four with Jury Masts sail'd to the Southward from Madrass on the 18th. Ultimo—as did the Sumatra (lately taken from our Honble Masters) for Europe on the 20th.

We are
Sir and Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
R. Bourchier.
Thos. Pattle.
Francis Fowke.
William Hatton.

Anjengo
Novr. 18th. 1746.

P.S. Mr. Hinde has dispatched the Porto Bello Sloop for Great Brittain about the 20th. Ultimo with an Account of the unhappy Satuation [*sic*] for our Honble Masters affairs on that coast.

R. B.
T. P.
F. F.
W. H.

℔ Toney.

No. 24

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 7th. Inst. came to hand Yesterday and observe that you will bring to the Credit of this Factory the Eight Rupees advanced the Munchuas.

Our Packet from the President and Council is recd. and as Mr. Lane and Family embarqued on the Ilchester the 9th. Inst. We now return the Honble Comps. Barge.

The Thirty Shells are received which are exactly fit for our Mortar, the Amount of Rups. Forty four, two Quarters and twenty One Raes (44. 2. 21) shall be brought to the Credit of your Factory. We now send you Four hundred Shells amounting as ℔ Invoice to Rups. three hundred Eighty Nine two Quarters, Thirty three Raes, (Rups. 389. 2. 33) which we hope may be of service to you shou'd you have occasion to use them. We have sufficient left for we have but one Mortar and some Cohorns.

Several Moors who belonged to Parrs and Munchuas of this Coast, which were lost on the Cormondell Coast the 2nd. and 3rd. Ultimo all confirm what Mr. Hinde wrote to Mr. Bourchier about the loss of part of Monsr. La Bourdinays squadron; they affirm that two Ships founder'd at Anchor, two drove ashore and that all the rest had cut away all their Masts but their Bowsprits, so we think we need not be under any apprehensions from them for some time. None of the others have yet appeared on this part of the Coast, but as we had repeated accounts of three large Ships seen to the Northward, we dispatched a boat after Capt. Tede to advise him of those reports, which boat we hope overtook him.

We are
SIR AND SIRS

Your most Humble Servants
RICHD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.
WILLIAM HATTON.

ANJENGO
NOVR. 14TH. 1746
℔ BARGE.

No. 25

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

ON the 22nd. Instt. we reced Yours of the 11th. ℔ Express Boat with Duplicate of what you wrote us under the 15th. Ultimo by the Fackiro Mirackhib and Triplicate of the 8th. ℔ Dophin [*sic*] Grab the Original of which last came to hand the 24th. of this Month by said Grab, as also the several Papers mentioned in the Lists of the Respective Packets.

The Severn imported here from Mocho the 27th. Instt. as did the Warwick Capt. Robert Misenor on the 19th. from Great Brittain, which she left about the 9 of April in Company of four more Ships belonging to the Honble Company under Convoy of the Princess Mary Commodore Griffin two of which were bound directly to China, and the others for Madrass with the Princess Mary and Pearl Men of War, the last of which was to join them at the Madeiras but when our latter Shipping were to sail, or with what Number of Men of War, we do not know.

The several Paragraphs of the Honble Companys Commands of the 2nd. April 1745 with such Part of the List of Investment as relates to your Factory are enclosed; to which due Obedience must be paid.

We approve of your sending home the Pelham as also of the Measures you have taken for the defence of the Settlement, and doubt not of your best Endeavours to render fruitless any Attempts the French may make against you.

We observe what you write in regard to Money and shall devise a method of getting some conveyed to you to answer your Currt. Expences; as we do not judge it Prudent to risque a ship, yet awhile, down the Coast with Treasure sufficient to carry on your Investment, nor indeed do we think that this is altogether, a Proper time to advance the Merchants any considerable Sums.

The President now forwards the Chief Copy of Letter he receed from Mr. Hallyburton wrote from St. Thomas's Mount the 24th. Ultimo by Govr. Morses directions.

BOMBAY CASTLE
NOVR. THE 28TH. 1746.

P.S. We learn, by Armenian Advices that our Men of War under Command of Capt. Peyton, Arrived at Bengall the 18th. of September last, where they were refitting in Order to come early upon this Coast.

℔ EXPRESS BOAT.

We are
Your Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
N. WHITTWELL.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THOS. MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
R. SANDERS.

No. 26

TO GEO: DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

WE wrote you the 18th. Ulto. Since which receed your Letters of the 17th. and 28th. Ulto. and 7 Inst.

The Callicut Linguester did advise Mr. Bourchier of Angrias Fleet being Come down the Coast, and are Concerned to hear they have done so much Mischief at Mangalore, which we hope will not Effect the Rice, being before it cou'd be Cutt and grain is likely to be very dear at this End of the Coast for want of Rain.

With great pleasure we hear that the Ilchester was got safe so far to the Northward a Goa on the 3rd. Inst. and hope she is Safe at Bombay. We observe that the Barge was safe returned and that you had Receed the Shells And will bring the Amount to the Credit of this Factory as we shall do the four Rupees one Quarter and Eighty One Raes (4. 1. 81) to the Credit of yours, which was supplied our Boat.

Last Night Mr. Bourchier received a Letter from Mr. Hinde of the 25th. Ulto. informing him that he has been Continually alarm'd for sometime by the French, but does not doubt being able to hold out (Shou'd he be Attack'd) till Succours may arrive from Bengall and as the Men of Warr were in Bengall, we make no doubt they are at Fort St. Davids before now.

As no French Ship has yett appeared on this End of the Coast we hope we shall not be troubled with any of them. This Toney has been supplied with one Rupee, which you will please to Credit this Factory.

We are
SIR & SIRS
Yr. most Humble Servants
R. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

ANJENGO
DECR. 15TH. 1746
℔ TONEY.

N°. 27

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

LAST Night M^r^. Bourchier reced a Letter of the 16^th^. Instant from the Gov^r^. of Culumbo advising of the Arrival of our Honble Masters Ship Brittannia at Galee which Ship had drove about in the Sea for fourteen days in the utmost distress from the Number of Men she had lost and Sick but he (Gov^r^. Gollenesse) promises that he shall not want any Assistance.

We tho^t^. it proper to send you this advice that if possible you may send her some assistance, which we Cannot do, having no man here that we can spare, who is Capable of Carrying a Vessell to Gallee for tho' it is probable, that the Dutch may Supply them with refreshments they will not, nor Cannot spare them any Men, and the Ship cannot proceed at this Season of the Year either for Bengall, or the Cormondell Coast.

ANJENGO
DEC^R^. 23^RD^. 1746
℔ TONEY.

We are
SIR & SIRS
Your most Hble Serv^ts^.
R. BOURCHIER.
THO^S^. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N°. 28

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

THIS Serves to acquaint you that the Enclosed Packet from Fort S^t^. Davids, just now Came to hand.

ANJENGO
DEC^R^. 28^TH^. 1746
℔ TONEY.

We are
SIR & SIRS
Your most Hble Serv^ts^.
RICH^D^. BOURCHIER.
THO^S^. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N°. 29

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

BY the Ilchester, which arrived here the 9^th^. Ultimo in Company of the Fakhiro Mirakhib, (neither of them having received any Damage from Futajee Angrias Fleet) (althô Engaged with them for Six hours). We received your Letter

of the 25th. Novr. and on the 28th. following yours of the 12th. came to Hand by the Futtee Mombarack Express Boat, which now returns with these Advices in Order to be occasionally dispatched hither as Events may fall out.

We are pleased that the Young Prince was so ready in furnishing you with a considerable Number of Nairs, and as you had an opportunity of d'liging [*sic*] him at so small a Rate as presenting him with yr. two Ad Honycemb Guns you mention your Anticipating his Request for them was doub[t]less very right; and you will do well, when it best Suits with your Own Circumstances occasionally to assist him in preventing his Enemies committing any Deperdations [*sic*] in his Country; more Especially during the time his Own People are Actually Serving the Honble Company.

Your Supplying the Young Boyanore with an Horse was well. And if the Second King of Cotiote agrees to the Proposal you made his Tiriumbo we shall approve thereof, as you say, his is a Prince whose Faith is more to be Relied on than any other of the Mallabar Powers.

The two hundred Candy's of Pepper you sold for the Portugueze Frigatas must be duely delivered them. But the Circumstances of affairs being somewhat altered since we gave you directions for disposing of this Article we hereby Revoke the same. And would have an additional Quantity of two thousand Candy's laid in on the best terms procurable exclusive of what is in Warehouse and outstanding In former Contracts To provide which we shall supply you with Rupees as soon as Possible, and when we are acquainted with the Price you may give for that, as also at what rate any larger Quantity may be Contracted for We shall transmitt you Directions in regard thereto.

Enclosed is Copy of such Paras. of the Honble Companys Commands of the 7th. May last ℔ Ship Ilchester as relate to your Factory, to which due Obedience must be paid. You will likewise receive the Account of what you took Out of that Ship amounting to Rups. 80523. —. 97 for which this Presidency must be Credited on your Books.

In Case the Exeter and Lynn should leave your Port in their Passage hither by such time as You judge they may be able to touch there again in their Way to China before the End of April, We would have you provide the like quantity of Sandall Wood as ordered last Year Vizt. one hundred Candy's of the first Sort and One hundred and fifty of the Second which with One thousand Candy's of Pepper must be kept in readiness to be Equally divided on them, and with regard to the Cotton lying at your Factory, unless an advantagious Offer should be made you for it before the China Ships arrive with you from Europe, it must be kept as it may be wanted for that Marked [*sic*].

When either of more Ships arrive with you outward bound we wailed [*sic*] have immediate Notice sent Us thereof by One of the Express Boats, and you may open the said Ships Packet Box directed to this Presidency for your Private Lres reserving, Entire, the Packet of Papers therein directed to Us, which must be putt again into the Box and returned to the Commander in Order to be delivered to Us.

By the first proper opportunity you may depend on being supplied with such Stores as you have indented for and we can Spare.

We would have you remember to send up by such Conveyances as may offer all the masts Yards and Timber of Sorts in readiness, particularly the sheathing Plank being immediately wanted for the Augusta, with the Cables Hausers and Cordage. But the two standing Masts must be sent up upon the first Europe Ship that may call at your Port, and in Case the Comr. should refuse to take them in you must Protest against him as formerly order'd. The masts will rather be a Shelter for such Ships People than any way incammade her.

Let the Enclosed Packet for Anjengo be forwarded thither as soon as Possible. We are

Yr. Loving Friends
WILLIAM WAKE.
N. WHITTWELL.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THOS. MARSH.
JOHN MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
R. SANDERS.

BOMBAY CASTLE
JANUARY 2D. 1746–7
℔ EXPRESS BOAT.

No. 30

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

THIS Comes Chiefly to Enclose the Accompanying Orders for Captain Somner of the Brittannia, who put into Madrass the 5th. Novr. Not knowing it was taken, and was Fired out of that Road, and we hear Since has been at Galle, where we have sent to him as we now do to you last [*sic*] he should Come upon Your Coast before ours reaches that Place.

The Houghton Captain Worth arrived here the 5th. Instt. who though Consigned to this Coast and had Possitive Orders from Mr. Hinde to Send his Pacquet and Treasury ashoar and Orders from our Board in Boats on the Way for that Purpose, went away at 11 at Night, We Fereing Guns Shot and all to bring him Back and has Carried away all our Supplys and Disheartned the Garrison Extreamly. This and the Total Neglect the Bengall Gentlemen have shewn us by neither Writeing to us, Or Sending us any Supplies has reduced us to great Necessity, and Encouraged our Enemy's to Come against us the 8th. Instt. with all their Force from Pondicherry. when Providence was as Indulgent to us As our Friends were Negligent of us and we gained a Compleat Victory and took all their ammunition and Camp Equipage from them, and Killed and Wounded near 200 with very little Loss on our side. We request you will omit no Opportunity of adviseing us of all Material Occurrences and particularly of any of our Enemys Shipping of which None yet appears on this Coast. If you think it Necessary to Place Tappy Peons on the Road you will please to do so half Way and Advise us of it with your Opinion where we Should Place them the other half Way.

We hear from Ingeram that our Masters Ships the Malbrough, Mountford, and Salisbury, are Arrived at Bengall, and that Captain Paytons Squadron may be Expected Dayly here on the Coast.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Yr. most Obedt. Servants
JOHN HINDE.
EDW: BROKE. [*sic*]
CHAS. FLOYER.
WILLM. HOLT.
AB. WYNCH.
THOS. COOKE *Junr.*

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 22D. DECR. 1746.

N°. 31

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

CONFORMABLE to your Orders I proceeded for this place where I arrived yesterday, and the directions you gave me shall be punctually observed.

I sent for the principal Merchants this day to enquire the price of Surat Cotton, they offer Rup^s. Seventy five ℔ Callicut Candy to be weighed here the Charges of landing and Customs to be on their account, but the risque and freight hither on the Hoñble Companys account, and in Order to prevent disputes I told them that in Case you agreed to Sell at that price that then they should sent two Men to Tellicherry to see that the Cotton was good and the Bales well Conditioned which they agreed to and say they will wait till an answer arrives, they say the B^as. must be Surat and not Bombay Package.

I am useing all the diligence possible in order to gett the Number of Lascars you directed, and in case there should be any to be gott (which I shall know to morrow) I am affraid by what I can learn they will not go unless I advance them two Months pay thô nothing on my part shall be wanting to bring them to as easy Terms as possible.

Pepper is to be bought at present for Rupees seventy three ℔ Candy.

Francisco Dias tells me he has no money of the Hoñble Company in his hands, therefore desire you will be pleased to Send me for the present Rupees One thousand, and in case you should order any Stores to be provided either for Bombay or Tellicherry that then you will be pleased to send more in proportion to the quantity of Stores ordered.

Enclosed I forward the Linguist's account for Sept^r. last. I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS
JANUARY THE 7^TH. 1746/7 — Your most Obed^t. Hble Serv^t.
℔ BARGE. — ALEX^R. DOUGLAS.

N°. 32

To GEO: DUDLEY ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Orders of the 7^th. and 10^th. Inst^t. have been received, and agreable to those of the 7^th. I sent away the Anjengo Toney the 8^th. and on the 10^th. dispatched two Toneys to Anjengo with a European and thirteen Lascars for our Hoñble Masters Ship Brittannia, what Money was advanced by me as likewise the Charges of the Toneys and prov^s. for the people a Copy of the accounts goe herewith enclosed for your inspection.

As the Anjengo Toney was gone before your orders of the 10^th. came to hand, I last night Sent away the Tellicherry Toney with your Letter to the Chief and Factors of Anjengo, and advised them that I had Notice of Angrias Fleet being between this place and Tellicherry.

I received by the Tellicherry Toney One thousand Rup^s. and for which your Factory shall have due Credit.

The Linguist tells me he has no Money of the Hoñble Companys in his hands, and believes they will be indebted to him but what Sum he cannot exactly assertain till his accounts are finished, which I am pressing him to gett done so Soon as possible.

The Masts, Yards, Timber, Cables &c^{a}. agreable to your Orders shall be kept in readiness, As to the two Standing Masts the Linguist who had the providing them tells me they are not as yet come from Inland, but upon the receipt of your Letter I directed him to send people immediately to hasten them down As the Time for their being here is elapsed.

The Packett from the Hoñble the President and Council of Bombay which the Chief sent me for Anjengo was forwarded the 10th. by one of the Toneys which carried the Lascars.

I have advice that the Triton Snow Hugh Dousett Comm^{r}. left Bengall the 3^{d}. Ultimo and arrived at Anjengo the 5th. Inst^{t}. and is bound to Surat and that when this Vessel left the Bay that Our Hoñble Masters Ships the Momford, Salisbury, and Malborough were arrived from Europe and his Majestys Squadron under the command of M^{r}. Peyton was at Bengall.

Angrias Fleet consisting of Seven Grabs and Seven Galivats have taken two Dutch Sloops coming from Cochin and bound to Cannanore, where they are gone too I am not certain thô there is a Report that they are off Sacrificed Rocks.

I desire you will be peased to send me for the use of this Factory One quarter of a hundred weight, one two pound weight, one, one pound weight One half pound weight, one quarter of a Pound weight two two Ounce weights one one Ounce weight One half Ounce weight, and one quarter of an Ounce weight as also an hour glass.

By this Toney I send you Ten Bundles of Bamboe Mats containing one hundred Mats and Twenty Perimpaes the remainder of the Perimpaes shall be sent by another opportunity. I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS

THE 12TH. JANRY 1746/7 — Yr. most Obed^{t}. Hble Servant

℔ TONEY. — ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

No. 33

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

Enclosed I send you a Price Current of Goods and rates of Coins at this Place. I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS

THE 13TH. JANUARY 1746/7 — Yr. most Obed^{t}. Humble Serv^{t}.

℔ TONEY. — ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

No. 34

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS.

SIR & SIRS

Your Letter of the 15th. I receed to day by this Toney with three weights and an hour Glass for which I shall Credit Tellicherry Factory.

You will now receive a matt bundle containing ten Pieces of blue Bunting.

I have advanced the Mucquas of this Toney one and a half Callicut Fan^{s}. on account of their prov^{s}. for which your Factory will be debted. I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS

THE 16TH. JANUARY 1746/7 — Your most Ob^{e}. Hble Servant

₱ MUNCHUA. — ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

N^{o}. 35

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS.

SIR & SIRS

Yesterday I sent you by a Toney ten pieces of blue Bunting and by this Munchua you will receive two Candies of China Dammer and thirty Perimpaes.

There is a person here who is willing to take two Corge of Mangullore Rice at Rupees eighty One (R^{s}. 81) ₱ Corge, the Money to be paid here on delivery and the Honble Company to be at no Charges except shipping it on board the Munchua at Tellicherry, but the risque to this place on the Honble Co^{s}. account if You are willing to sell at that price and on those terms please to order the two Corge to be sent by this Munchua. There will be no dispute as to the measure of each bale, but will be rec'd in the same manner they are shipt at Tellicherry, only please to lett the Bales be whole and not broken. I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS

THE 17TH. JANRY. 1746/7 — Your most Ob^{e}. Hble Serv^{t}.

₱ MUNCHUA. — ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

N^{o}. 36

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

ENCLOSED I send you translate of the Linguists Monthly accounts from the 1st. October 1746 to the 2^{d}. January 1746/7. He is copying over the Originals which I will send to you with his cash Accounts so soon as they are done.

I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS

19TH. JANUARY 1746/7 — Y^{r}. most Ob^{e}. Hble Servant

₱ TONEY. — ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

No. 37

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

ENCLOSED you will receive the Linguists Monthly Accots. from the 1st. of October to the 2d. Instt. and his Cash Accots. from the 1st. of Septr. to the 6th. Instt. by which it appears the Honble Company are indebted to him Rupees two thousand eight hundred sixty three quarters and Sixty One raes (Rs. 2860. 3. 61) which he desires may be paid him, therefore if you think proper at present to comply with his request, You will then be pleased to send Money down for that purpose, As I have not near sufficient in my hands to do it having only rec'd from you since my arrival Rs. One Thousand.

By this Toney I send you two Europeans Samuel Smith and Robert Parsons who have been supplyed with provs. during their Stay here.

By the Linguists Cash Accots. you will perceive there has been advd. on Accot. of twenty four Masts and Yar[d]s Rups. One thousand eight hundred fifty (Rups. 1850) which Masts and Yards I am to inform you the Merchant has not as yet delivered, but Since my arrival people have been sent up Country to hasten the Merchant to bring them as well as the two Standing Masts down hither.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obe. Hble Servt.
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
21ST. JANRY 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

No. 38

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

THIS day came to hand the accompanying Letter from the Chief and Factors of Anjengo which I now forward to you.

I am
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obe. Hble Servt.
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
THE 21ST. JANUARY 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

No. 39

To GEO: DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

We have reced your several Letters of the 27th. Ultimo and the 7th. and 10th. Instt. with pleasure we hear of the Portugueze Success against Wrempsant.

The 13th. Instt. Mr. Debounais arrived here with another European and thirteen Lascars for the use of Ship Brittannia which we shou'd have forwarded Directly, had we not received advice by Capt. Hugh Daucett (who came from

Galle) that Cap^{t}. Somner had a great many of his Men recovered and that he had ninety working Men on Deck when he left him, so we thought it needless to put our Honble Masters to any furthen Expence, it being doubtfull whether that Ship will come to this Coast Esprecally [*sic*] as he is bound to the other.

With great Concern we hear of Angrias Insolence and Success, but hope he will not make any more attempts ashore nor on any Ship in your Road.

Our Packett from the Presidency and M^{r}. Hindes Letters for Cap^{t}. Somner are both came to hand the latter we forwarded directly to Columbo, and hope he will Reezeve [*sic*] it.

As the Season Draws nigh for to Expect our Honble Masters Ships for their Dispatch home we thought it proper to inform you that we have in Warehouse a thousand Candy of Pepper and Six thousand two Hundred pieces of Cloth, which we Compute at Twenty five Tons, for which you will please to leave Room in the Ship you send us to fill up.

ANJENGO
JANRY 16TH. 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Your most Hble Servants
RIC^{D}. BOURCHIER.
THO^{S}. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N^{o}. 40

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

We address'd you under the 16th. Inst^{t}. and now send this Boat Express to let you know that the Government are at last in humour to let us make our Pepper Contract But we are in the greatest distress for Money Our Rupees being near Exchausted [*sic*] and Our Cloth Merchants keeping a Constant draught on us as the Pepper Merchants will do in a few days, so must desire if possible that you will supply us with twenty thous^{d}. Rupees, but if that Cant be done, spare us a single Chest till you can send us a farther Supply.

As we have some Gunns aComing from Bombay and are Ordered to make the Carriages here please to send us twelve Candys of Iron by the first Conveyance, please to lett part of it be Flat and part Square Barrs as it will work the Easier.

ANJENGO
JANUARY 18 1746–7
℔ TONEY.

We are
SIR AND SIRS
Y^{r}. most Humble Servants
RICHARD BOURCHIER.
THOMAS PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N^{o}. 41

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

Yesterday by a Toney I rec'd your Letter of the 23^{d}. Inst^{t}. with a Bag of Foreign Silver containing nine hundred sixty six three quarters (966¾) Dollars Mallabar Weight which being sold for Rup^{s}. two hundred fourteen (R^{s}. 214) ℔

hundred Dollars produced Rup^{s}. two thousand sixty eight three Quarters and thirty eight raes (Rup^{s}. 2068. 3. 38) which Sum I payed to the Linguist in part of the balance due to him, and as the Money for the Rice Sold by the Linguist will be due in a few days I shall so Soon as I receive it pay him the remainder of the balance of his Acco^{t}. Agreeable to your Orders.

Nothing on my part has been wanting to gett the Merchant to deliver the Masts and yards, and have (as before adviced) sent people up Country to him for that purpose and yesterday he sent his Man to inform me that he hoped to be able to deliver them in fifteen days, and desired a further advance of Rupees two hundred fifty (R^{s}. 250) which, I complyed with. I am

SIR & SIRS
Your most Ob^{e}. Hble Serv^{t}.
ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
THE 25TH. JANUARY 1746/7

P.S. The Corporal & two Soldiers have been supply'd with two days prov^{s}. which is for the time they have been here.
℔ TONEY.

N^{o}. 42

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

We wrote you last under the 2^{d}. Instant by the Futtee Mombarack Express Boat (Duplicate of which is Enclosed) and on the 17th. Yours of the 6th. came to hand by the Ramban Express Boat, which we now return with these Advices.

We observe what you write concerning the Britannia being at Gallee, and admire that there should be no Letter from the Commander, for want of which we are at a Loss to know what Supplies he stands in need of we would have you therefore, acquaint us what Assistance you have sent him: and when you receive any Information of the Necessaries he really requires, advise us immediately that we may Contrive a Method of getting the Same Conveyed at Gallee as there are good reasons for that Ships being on the other Coast as soon as possible.

We approve for the Reasons you give of M^{r}. Douglas being sent to Callicut.

We would have your Pepper kept in readiness for shipping off that as little time as possible my [*sic*] be lost in Dispatching the Ships from your Port.

BOMBAY CASTLE
JANUARY 22^{D}. 1746/7

℔ RAMBAN EXPRESS BOAT.

We are
SIRS
Y^{r}. Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
N. WHITTWELL.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THO^{S}. MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
R. SANDERS.

N°. 43

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS.

SIR & SIRS

THIS goes Chiefly to enclose you my Disbursem^ts^. and Cash Acco^t^. for last Month and Inv^s^. of Sund^s^. Sent you.

The Ship William Cap^t^. John Blachford imported here from Bengall this Morning and when this Ship left the Bay which was the 28^th^. Dec^r^. his Majestys Squadron under the Command of Commodore Griffin was there. I am

CALLICUT
1^ST^. FEBRY. 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Ob^t^. humble Serv^t^.
ALEX^R^. DOUGLAS.

N°. 44

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

BY this Munchua I send you fourteen thousand Mats for embaling Pepper. I am

CALLICUT
9^TH^. FEBRUARY 1746/7
℔ MUNCHUA.

SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^t^. Hble Serv^t^.
ALEX^R^. DOUGLAS.

N°. 45

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

By this Munchua I send you Eleven thousand Mats for embaling Pepper.

As I find the provisions which has been usually allowed to Tellicherry Soldiers at this place amounts to near as much as their pay, I therefore now return all the Detachment and in their room shall entertain Six Callicut Soldiers at Rup^s^. four ℔ Month which I hope will meet with your approbation.

I have kept Six Musquets with Bayonets and Six Cartouch Boxes belonging to the Tellicherry command for the use of this Factory with a chest containing one thousand six hundred Musquet Cartridges.

The Detachment has been supplied with prov^s^. to the 13^th^. Inst^t^. Inclusive I am

CALLICUT
THE 12. FBRY 1746/7
℔ MUNCHUA.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obed^t^. humble Servant
ALEX^R^. DOUGLAS.

No. 46

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your Letter of the 28th. Ultimo came to hand the 2d. Instt. Mr. Debounair and the Lascars intended for Ship Brittannia being not only useless to us, as that Ship had no Occasion for them, but being an Expence to our Honble Masters to feed them, We gave Mr. Debounair Sixty Rups. for his trouble and discharged the Lascars giving them five Rupees to bear their Expences up again.

We hope we shall soon Receive a supply of Treasure either from the Presidency or your Factory, or we shall be obliged to put a stop to both our Cloth and Pepper Investment. The three Candy of Square Barr Irodn we Received and shall Credit your Factory for Rups. Ninety two three quarters and Eleven Raes (Rs. 92. 3. 11.) being the Amount of it, and for Rupees Seven three quarters and Sixty Eight Raes (7. 3. 68.) Supplied our Boats. Our Packet from the Presidency we Received.

The Occasion of this Dispatch is to Enclose translate of an Ola Received this Day from the King of Travencore, with a translate of a Copy of another Ola sent him by the Chief of Mahie by which you will see that the French are in Daily Expectations of Some Ships on this Coast from Pondicherry so that there is too much Reason to believe that the French and not Ezekiels Accots. are true what to say on this Occasion we know not but think it would be adviseable if you have the Grabbs at Tellicherry to let them Accompany the three Ships as low as Cape Comorine which will make them a match for the French, if their Force is not very great, but we Submit this to your Superiors Judgement.

As we have little Room left to Expect any supply of Rice for our Garrison from any Bengall Ships, the Season being so farr advanced we Request that you will procure two thousand Bales of Mangulore Rice and Send us by some good Conveyance. We are

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

ANJENGO
FEBRUARY 7TH. 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

No. 47

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

This accompanys duplicate of our last since when the Three Ships that where on your Coast in Septr. last Vizt. the Centaur Mars and Brilliant with the St. Lewis one of Monsr. LaBourdinoiss Squadron are Come on this Coast, and are now in Pondicherry Road, whether they design to stay there till the Arrival of our Squadron or come round your way we cannot learn, they had a French Sloop arrived from Bengall the 16th. by which they are well acquainted with the motions of our Squadron, by the best intelligence we can get, not having yet received a line Commodore Griffin with the Pearl had joined the other Squadron, and that there were 8 Ships of War lying at Ingelee ready to sail in a day or two after this Sloop which departed the 4th. so that we may daily expect them. We have received a

Letter from the President and Council of Bombay Via Arcot accompanying a Bill for Rup^{s}. 40000 for which we are much obliged to them and shall answer their Letter the same way when we have received the Money; in the mean time if occasion offers You will please to notifie this to them and likewise beg the favour of them that they will contract with any returning Vessels to take Rice on freight on Our Masters Account for the use of this Settlement as Grain of all kind is extreamly dear and having had a very dry Season the price must increase considerably and we may be in great want, and pray them likewise to supply us with some Europe Sives to grain Gunpowder with if you can assist us in either of these Articles we request you will and are

GENTLEMEN

Your most humble Servants

JOHN HINDE.
EDW^{R}. CROKE.
CHA^{S}. FLOYER.
WILL^{M}. HOLT.
A^{R}. WYNCH.
THO^{S}. COOKE *Jun^{r}*.

FORT S^{T}. DAVID
20TH. JANUARY 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

N^{o}. 48

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE wrote you last under the 23^{d}. Ultimo ℔ Ramban Express Boat Dup: of which is enclosed: And this You will receive ℔ Severn which Ship with the Warwicke and Illchester we now dispatch to Great Brittain. By the latter we have sent you some paving Stones and on the two former we have Consigned you 30 Chests of Treasure amounting with Stationary and such Stores as can be spared to Rup^{s}. 313833—30 as ℔ Invoice and Bills of Lading enclosed.

By enclosed Calculates of these Ships their respective Tonnage you will observe how much remains to be compleated according to their Charter Partys. But as the Illchester has Stores and Treasure for Anjengo and is design'd to be fill'd up at that Port we would have you load on board immediately on her Arrival, such a Quantity of Pepper as with the Cloth and Pepper lying at Anjengo (of which you must be acquainted) will fill up her including what Surplus Tonnage the Commander may request: Which being done you must transmit the Chief and Factors at Anjengo a Calculate of her Tonnage and dispatch her without Loss of Time to that Settlement (except there is any danger from the Enemy when you must use your own Discretion advising to Anjengo accordingly) where a like Expedition will be used in taking out their Treasure and Stores and fillng her up in Order to join the Severn and Warwick on their Appearance off that Port Enclosed is Copy of the Ilchesters Invoice to Anjengo.

When your Treasure and Stores are landed from the two last mentioned Ships you are to compleat their Charterparty Tonnages ordering the Commander of the Severn to stow the Pepper seperate from the Coffee conformable to the Honble Companys Direction and after loading on board them as much Surplus Pepper as their respective Commanders will engage in behalf of their Owners to carry Home at half Freight deliver them their Final Dispatches for Great Britain directing them to call at Anjengo in their Passage for the Illchester (having regard as above-mentioned to the Enemy) which Ship having joined them they must all proceed in Company to Great Britain.

In case the Commanders or Officers of these Ships want to pay any Money into your Cash you may grant them Certificates on the Honble Companys as Usual for the same.

Provide and send hither by the first proper Conveyance 10 Chests of Wax Candles for the Use of Our Garrison.

In Our Letter of the 2d. Ultimo we gave you Provisional Directions for purchasing Sandall Wood for the China Ships founded on a Supposition that they would arrive in time to come hither. But as that is very uncertain it is probable the Honble Company may Order those Ships to proceed directly from your Port to China we would have you therefore (as Sandall Wood is an unperishable Comodity) provide the Quantity we then directed, in Order to be in readiness as Occasion may require.

So soon as we hear from you we shall know what further Directions may be necessary to send to your Settlement.

On the Warwick we send you Josiah Farrin Quarter Gunner and William Murrell Mattross both sober and well skilld Men who have been paid to the End of last Month.

Let the enclosed Packet for Fort St. David be forwarded thither in the quickest Manner possible.

We are
SIRS
Your Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
N. WHITTWELL.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THOS. MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
RICH: SANDERS.
GEO: SCOTT.

BOMBAY CASTLE
FEBRY. 6TH. 1746/7
℔ SEVERN.

No. 49

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Late last Night we received the Accompanying General Letter for the Presidency, and another for you from Fort St. David, which we thought proper to dispatch with the utmost Expedition as they may be of great Consequence.

Mr. Hinde advises Mr. Bourchier that four French Ships arrived on that Coast the 26th. Decr. and at Pondicherry the 1st. Ulto. Named the Centaur, Mars, Brilliant and St. Lowis which are four of the Ships, which left that Coast the 18th. October last, that on the 20th. Ulto. he had Recieved no manner of Succour nor a Line from Bengall but that he had heard by a French Sloop which arrived the 16th. Ulto. at Pondicherry from Bengall, that Commodore Griffin with Eight Sail of Men of Warr

lay Ready to Sail at Hingelee with two of our Honble Masters Ships. We suppose the above four Ships may be the Ships Expected on this Coast for provision for we can't think they will stay in Pondicherry Road to Receive Mr. Griffins Squadron. We are

ANJENGO
FEBRUARY 10TH. 1746/7

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

P.S. When we had closed the above two Sail appeared to the Southward which are now abreast of the Fort Hull too, they seem to have white Colours and make the best of their way to the No.ward, and our Pattamars from the Southwd. and our Servant at Brinjohn Say there are Seven Sail more astern which may be gone to Coletche had they also Come on to the No.ward they must have been in sight at Present.

RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

℔ TONEY.

No. 50

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

WE address'd you the 10th. Instt. when we gave you an Accot. of the Ola the King wrote the Chief with a Copy of an Ola from the Chief of Mahie Since when Mr. Bourchier reced a Letter from Capt. Vass in an Armenian Ship informing him of his being Chased by four French Ships upon this Coast which Letter Mr. Bourcheir Sent away Express to by Cormandell Coast to Commodore Giffin.

But we are now to advise you that there are Seven Sail of Ships standing in Directly for this Road all supposed to be French who have Declared upon this Coast that they intend to Attack this Place All that we Can say in yr. [*sic*] we shall use our best Endeavours to Defend it for our Honble Masters. We are

SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

ANJENGO
FEBRUARY 12TH. 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

No. 51

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

I have received your Letter of the 15th. Instt. and Agreeable to your Orders send you by this Munchua six hundred sixty seven Large Bamboo Mats Six thousand small Bamboe Mats and six thousand Mats for embaling Pepper.

As I have only the Sum of between two or three hundred Rups. in my hands desire (when it suits your conveniancy) you will be pleased to send me a supply of Cash. I am

CALLICUT
17TH. JANUARY 1746/7
℔ MUNCHUA.

SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servant
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 52

To George Dudley Esq^{R}.
Chief &c^{A}. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sirs

We wrote you last under the 6th. Inst^{t}. by the Severn which Ship with the Warwick and Ilchester sailed hence the 8th. following And this you will receive by the Sallamitty Express Boat which we dispatch purposely to forward the enclosed Packets for our Honble Masters to be forwarded by the Severn and Warwick but shou'd those Ships have left your Port before this Boat arrives you are to dispatch her after them duely recommending the Packets to the Commanders in case you judge there is a Probability of her overtaking them before they leave Anjengo otherwise those Packets must be return'd hither with the first Advices you transmit us.

The Daddaly imported the 9th. Inst^{t}. from Bengall She left that Place the 10th. Dec^{r}. met the P^{rs}. Mary Commodore Griffin and Pearl Men of War as she was coming down the River and on the 14th. Ult^{o}. saw two large Ships in the Eight Degree Channell standing to the Westward which we hope are the Lynn and Exeter as no Ships had sailed from Bengall before this Ship came away and we have no Advices of any French Ships being on Your Coast the Squadron under Command of Cap^{n}. Peyton were then lying in Bengall River.

Let the enclosed Indent for our Marine be complied with and th[e] Masts &c^{a}. forwarded by the first Opportunity.

We are
Your Loving Friends
W. Wake.
N. Whittwell.
W. Sedgwick.
Tho^{s}. Marsh.
J. Munro.
R^{D}. Rawdon.
R^{D}. Sanders.
Geo: Scott.

Bombay Cattle [*sic*]
February 13TH. 1746/7
℔ Sallamaty Express Boat.

No. 53

To George Dudley Esq^{R}.
Chief &c^{A}. Factors.

Sir & Sirs

By this Munchua I send you five thousand Mats for embaling Pepper.

I am
Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants [*sic*]
Alexander Douglas.

Callicut
the 19TH. February 1746/7
℔ Munchua.

No. 54

To George Dudley Esq^{R}.
Chief &c^{A}. Factor.

Sir & Sirs

This goes by an express Toney to acquaint you that I have advice that on the 13th. Inst^{t}. passed by Anjengo six Sail of French Ships and stood to the Northward.

I am
Sir & Sirs
Yr. most Obed^{t}. Humble Servant
Alex^{R}. Douglas.

Callicut
Febry 20TH. 1746/7
℔ Toney.

No. 55

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Last Night at Sunsett the Seven Sail of Ships which we supposed to be all French were abreast of the Fort but having a favourable breeze of wind they held on their Course and this Morning were quite out of sight we have since reced intelligence from some Fisherman who were on board them that Six of them were French and one a Moors Ship from Bengall which they Obliged to keep them Company they did not hoist their Colours thô they were the whole Day in Sight of our Flag.

Should Capt. Tedd be Arrived Tellicherry we think it will be very practicable for him to put off shore out of their way and to halt in for this place where he can soon Recieve what Goods we have Ready for him.

If you have Recieved any Treasure from Bombay we hope you will find some means of sending us a Supply or we shall be in the utmost distress and must stop both our Cloth and Pepper Investment.

As there is no depending on the Reports we Reciev'd from the Mallabars we Cannot pretend to say on what Expedition this French Ships are Destined it being first told us that they intended to Attack this Place and Since we have heard that they intend to Attack you but we hope the one is as false as the other and that they are only agoing to Succour Mahie and Carry off what Pepper might be there. We are

ANJENGO
FBRY 13TH. 1746/7
P.S. Please to send us some Ink Powder ℔ first Opportunity.
℔ TONEY.

SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

No. 56

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS.

I dispatch this Toney express to advise you that the French Squadron last Night was Seen a little to the Southward of Tanor.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
THE 22D. FEBRY 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

No. 57

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Your Letters of the 19th. and 20th. Instt. have been reced that of the 19th. Came to hand Yesterday and that of the 20th. this afternoon. I likewise recd by the Munchua the sum of Rups. Two thousand (Rs. 2000) for which Tellicherry Factory shall have due Credit.

Conformable to your orders of the 20th. I have just now agreed for Six Toneys to be in Monthly pay and the mucquas promise to be ready to go to morrow night. I am endeavouring to gett the Number you directed which its difficult to do, as the

French Resident has orders to Send fifteen to Myhee, but as yett has not been able to gett any, I have been obliged to advance the Mucquas a Months pay, without which none would go.

I have advanced the Mucquas of this Toney 1½ Fanam on Account of their Provisions.

The Pattarahs for Fort S^{t}. Davids I sent away last night. I am

CALLICUT — SIR & SIRS

THE 21ST. FEBRY 1746/7 — Y^{r}. most humble Servant

℔ TONEY. — ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

N^{o}. 58

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

I now send you four Toneys to be in Monthly pay which is to commence this day and am useing the utmost deligence to gett four more and I assure you its with the greatest difficulty Mucquas are to be got at this juncture. The French have not as yet been able to gett any. Two of these Toneys are to be paid Rup^{s}. twenty two and two Quarters ℔ Month including the Mucquas Wages and hire of the Tony one at Rup^{s}. twenty three two Quarters and fifty raes ℔ Month and the other at Rup^{s}. twenty four three Quarters ℔ Month besides which each Muckuaes is to be allowed daily for his provisions two Measures of Rice and One Tellicherry Tarr.

These four Toneys have been supplied with two days provisions and they have had a Months pay advanced them amounting to Rup^{s}. Ninety three One Quarter and fifty Raes. My Agreement with them is that the Mucquas monthly Wages and Toney hire is to be paid in Rupees.

At Sun Sett was seen from hence about three Leagues to the Southward seven Ships which is judged to be the French Fleet.

I advanced on the 20th. Inst^{t}. two Fanams to the Mucquas of an Anjengo Toney and One Fanams and a half to a Tellicherry Toney. I am

SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Servant
ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
22^{D}. FEBRUARY 1746/7.

P.S. Since writing the above I have gott Mucquas for another Toney and now send the Toney to you. I have advanced Rup^{s}. twenty two & 2 Quarters which is a Months pay. The Mucquas have been Supplyed with two days provisions each Toney has eight Mucquas.

℔ TONEY.

N^{o}. 59

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

Yesterday I sent you five Toneys to be in Monthly pay, and now send you the remaining three which is the Number you directed to be provided.

By the enclosed acco^{t}. you will see what is to be p^{d}. monthly for each Toney as likewise the daily prov^{s}. to the Mucquas & further you will perceive that I have, advanced on this Account the sum of R^{s}. One hundred ninety Seven two Quarters and fifty Raes (R^{s}. 197. 2. 50) being a months pay to all the Toneys except Cuniallys, to the Mucquas of which I was Obliged to advance Rup^{s}. Twelve (R^{s}. 12) more or otherwise I could not have gott them to go.

The Mucquas of the three Toneys now sent have been supplyed with two days Provisions.

The Seven Ships mentioned in my Letter of Yesterday date were at Sun Sett between two and three Miles to the S^{o}.ward of this Port. I am

CALLICUT
THE 23RD. FEBRY 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

SIR & SIRS
Your most Obed^{t}. Hble Serv^{t}.
ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

N^{o}. 60

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

THE Risque of all Vessels being very great at present we have Embraced an Opportunity of supplying our Garrison with Rice for the Season, and sent this boat on purpose to Request that you will not provide the Rice we wrote for under the 10th. Inst^{t}.

The French Squadron having triffled away some time after they passed this place and the Wind having hung to the N^{o}.ward for some Days past gives us Room to hope that our advices Arrived in time to prevent their doing any mischief to our Ships and to put you Sufficiently upon your Guard should they have any thoughts of attacking your Settlement. We are

SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Servants
R^{D}. BOURCHIER.
THO^{S}. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

ANJENGO
FEBRY 18TH. 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

N^{o}. 61

(*Copy of letter N^{o}. 59.*)

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Yesterday I sent you five Toneys to be in Monthly pay and now send you the remaining three Which is the Number you directed to be provided.

By the enclosed Acco^{t}. you will see what is to be paid monthly fo each Toney as likewise the daily provisions to the Mucquas, and further you will perceive that I have advanced on this Account the Sum of Rup^{s}. One hundred ninety Seven two Quarters and fifty raes (Rup^{s}. 197. 2. 50) being a months pay to all the Toneys except Cuniallys to the Mucquas of which I was Obliged to advance twelve Rupees (Rup^{s}. 12) more or otherwise I could not have got them to go.

The Mucquas of the three Toneys now sent have been supplyed with two days provisions.

The Seven Ships mentioned in my Letter of Yesterday's date were at Sun Sett between two and three Miles to the Southward of this Port. I am

CALLICUT — SIR AND SIRS

THE 23D. FEBRY 1746/7 — Yr. most Obedt. Hble Servt.

℔ PATTAMAR. — ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 62

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

I wrote you last under date the 6th. Inst., and am now to acquaint you that in case you permitt of my advancing Money for the Masts and Yards I shall then want a further supply of Cash, which I desire you will be pleased to send me.

The accompanying Letter came to hand this day from Fort St. Davids which I now forward to you. I am

CALLICUT — SIR & SIRS

8TH. MARCH 1746/7 — Your most Obedt. Servant

℔ TONEY. — ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 63

To GEO: DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

YOUR favour of the 15th. Ulto. arrived the 1st. Instt. and we thank you for your Congratulations on the success we met with over our Enemies and are at the same time sorry to observe we are again reduced to our former malancholy Situation the Moors having been prevailed upon by the French to abandon us and three days ago in spite of all arguments to the Contrary they decamped alledging they had spent 5 Lack of Rupees in our defence and that if our Friends did not think proper to assist us at all it was highly unreasonable to expect they should at such an expence They were offered 2000 Rups. ℔ day if they would stay ten days but the French promised the whole 5 Lack, and had we even engaged for that Sum which was impossible they would yet have bid more having the advantage of us that if they do not perform What they promise they can be but upon the same bad terms they then were with the Government, whereas had we acted in that manner we must have made them our Enemies instead of their being as they say our friends though they will not go such lengths as we would have them upon the whole we had nothing in our Power but to let them act as they thought proper and secure from them as much protection as we could, and accordingly they have

promised the French shall not molest us in Case they do they will come to our assistance, and we are mustering all our force and putting them in the best posture we can to defend Our Selves in case they should fail in their promise which you must be sensible is a very precarious dependance, though the best we can procure for the interest of our Masters or Our Selves in our present unhappy Circumstances not having yet received a line or any promise of Succours from Bengall though we hear of their Shipping being sent all over India but this Coast and the French have had advices 4 times by Sea from Chardenagore and say they know all the Gentlemns designs at Calcutta one of which they pretend to assure us is that we shall have no Ship to take in our Goods for Europe, though we have now about 2500 Bales and no room to stow them in, nor in a Capacity to defend them and they so much wanted in Europe and would him so much to the Credit and Convenience of our Masters Affairs there at this critical juncture besides which we are deprived of the means of letting our Honble Masters know the Situation of our affairs here which in common Justice we have a right to.

Mr. Hinde wrote to Mr. Dudley the 20th. Ulto. by a Dutch Ship and sent duplicate of it overland that the Centaur, Mars, Brilliant, St. Lewis, and late Princess Mary were expected to Sail in a day or two an[d] that he beleived they were destined for your Coast. They did sail the 28th. but by the best information we can get for the Islands where they say they are to join with more force and boast they will return in 3 or 4 Months with 16 Ships.

We are sorry to observe Angria is so powerful and is near you We hope the three Ships you mention will be too many for him. We are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Humble Servants
JOHN HINDE.
EDWR. CROKE.
CHAS. FLOYER.
W. HOLT.
AR. WYNCH.
THOS COOKE *Junr.*

FORT ST. DAVID
17TH. FEBRUARY 1746/7.

P.S. We had like to have omitted to mention that as Mr. Morse had ordered some Timber & Plank to be provided at your Place on our Masters Account we desire the same may be sent hither as soon as you can and that the amount of what Mr. Dudley or Mr. Geekie have provided with any Interest due thereon may be paid to Mr. Geekies Attorney on Mr. Morse's account and advise us of the particular Sums.

℔ Pattamar.

J. H.
E. C.
C. F.
W. H.
A. W.
T. C.

No. 64

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

To day I received your Letter of Yesterdays date and likewise the Sum of Rupees Two thousand (Rs. 2000) for which Tellichry. Factory will be Credited.

The Person I have contracted with for Masts and Yards is one Manacaddim Cojagee who has Supplyed the Honble Company for Some Years past, and the Linguist informs me that they have not as yet suffered in the least by him, and that he has generally been pretty punctual.

I have loaded on this Toney Nine hundred Mats for embaling Pepper. I am

CALLICUT
11TH. MARCH 1746/7
₱ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 65

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Letter of the 24th. Ultimo has been Received with the Indent that accompanyed it, and agreeable to your orders I have contracted with Manacaddem Cojagee for the Masts and Yards to be delivered the begining of October next, he not being able to bring them from Inland Sooner The Masts and Yards will amount to Rups. Two thousand One hundred and five Rups. (Rs. 2105) and the Merchant at present wants an advance of Rups. One thousand three hundred (Rs. 1300) in the Month of May Rups. Six hundred more and in August will want the full amount to be paid him which I desire to know whether I may comply with.

I am now to acquaint you that the two standing Masts are delivered one of which is twenty four Ins. diameter, and the other twenty five Ins. and a half Diameter, so that one of them is an Inch less than it should be, and the other half an Inch more. The Merchant has delivered short of the quantity the Linguist contracted for One Mast of 60 ft. long and 12 Ins. Diameter, Two Masts 46 foot long and 14 Ins. Diameter and two Yards 55 foot long and 12 Ins. Diametor, and the reason he assigns for not delivering them is owing to there being but little Water in the River and the vast trouble it is to bring them by Land, he promises to deliver the Masts and Yards now deficient at the Same time he delivers the eighteen Masts and Yards I have contracted with him for.

As the Flag belonging to this Factory is quite worn out desire you will be pleased to Send a new one.

On my arrival here I found nothing belonging to the Factory but one pair of Stilliards and one maund weight And as on Tellicherry Books this Factory stands debted for Sundry Chairs a Looking Glass &ca. and there being none of those articles now here therefore desire your permission to make or purchase two Tables a Cup board and some Chairs, with a Couch or two.

Enclosed I send you my Accounts for last Month.

These four Toneys carrys you 920 Bamboes. I am

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedt. humble Servt.
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
THE 6TH. MARCH 1746/7.

P.S. These four Toneys have been supplyed with two Bales of Rice on Account of their Provisions.

₱ TONEY.

No. 66

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

WE wrote you last under the 13th. Ulto. ℔ Salamaty Express Boat and on the 21st. following received yours of the 6th. ℔ Futtee Mombarack Express Boat with Duplicates of your Letters of the 9th. and 22nd. January ℔ Ship Futtee Buckus.

This you will receive by the Bombay Grab who with the Restoration we now send to your Port for bringing up the Cordage &ca. Stores formerly indented for if they can take them in or particularly those specified in the accompanying Account signed by the Marinepaymaster being such as are more immediately wanted. In their Company proceeds likewise the Daddaly on whom you are to lade as much Pepper as may be in Warehouse we having settled the Freight thereof with her Owners at five Rups. for what is shot loose and Six Rups. in Robins ℔ Tellicherry Candy which is less than the usual Rates of Freight You are also to Ship on her such of the Stores as the Grabs can't take in So soon therefore as these Vessels are loaded you are to dispatch them hither without Loss of Time, ordering Capt. Hough to give Convoy to Such Ships and Vessels with English Pass and Colours as may be bound this Way.

We approve of your seizing Mirouts Pepper that being conformable to our Grants from the Prince of Colastria. When Capt. Norton arrives we shall treat him in a suitable manner in order to prevent his committing such like Disturbances at any of the Honble Companys Settlements as you represent.

We observe what you write concerning your New Contracts for Pepper with regard to which we have only to referr you the Directions the Honble Company have been pleased to lay down in their last Commands to this Presidency, Copies of which have been duly transmitted you.

We have sent you by the Daddaly the two Pieces of Blue Board Cloth you indented for amounting to Rupees eighty eight three quarters and thirty three raes We have also put on board that Ship some Gunpowder Flints and Lead for the Service of Anjengo Factory amountg. to Rups. two thousand seven hundred fifty eight and Seventy eight reas as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed which with Our Packet for that Settlement you are to Send thither before the Rains in the best manner you can.

As it may be expected that the two China Ships will arrive with you before these Vessels sail for this Port you will be best able to judge from the Honble Companys Orders by them whether it will be necessary to keep the Foreign Silver for those Ships. In Case therefore you find that they should not stand in need of it you may send it up on the Grabs in order to be coined here. When you may likewise advise us what Money you further want to be supplied with this Season.

We apprehend that the four thousand five hundred Covits of Sheathing Plank mentioned in your Account Remains under the 3d. September last to be for the Kings Ships must have been indented for to your Settlement from Madrass as no such Indent has been sent from hence. You must therefore advise the Deputy and Council of Fort St. David of what you have in readiness for them and acquaint us the Amount thereof as your Factory Books by the Augusta are not yet come to hand. If any of the Men of War touch at your Port you must inform the Commanders of what Stores have been provided for his Majestys Use, and particularly that there are two lower Masts of Eighty Feet long and from twenty four to twenty five Inches Diameter which should they stand in need of they must bring up themselves as they are too large for the Daddaly to take on board.

Mr. Cox now takes Passage on one of the Grabs for Recovery of his Health he must therefore return on her.

We are

Your Loving Friends
W. Wake.
N. Whittwell.
W. Sedgwicke.
Thos. Marsh.
J. Munro.
R. Rawdon.
R. Sanders.
Geo: Scott.

Bombay Castle
March the 6th. 1746.

P.S. The Candles provided send up either upon the Daddaly or Grabs as may be most convenient The Receipts for the Stores sent on the Daddaly and Grabs will be delivered you by Capt. Hough.

℔ Express Boat.

No. 67

Sir and Sirs

By this Toney I send you 750 Mats for embaling Pepper. I am

Sir and Sirs
Your most Hble Servant
Alexr. Douglas.

Callicut
15th. March 1746/7
℔ Toney.

No. 68

To George Dudley Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

I send this Toney Express to acquaint you that I have advice that our Honble Masters Ship Princess Amelia arrived at Madrass the 16th. Ultimo, that the French Sent a party of Men from the Shore and have made a prize of her and that the Packett designed for Madrass is fallen into the Enemys hands.

I hear likewise that the Lynn Capt. Gilbert which left England in July last, arrived at Anjengo the 19th. Ultimo and put off directly from thence for Bombay. I am

Sir and Sirs
Your most Obe. Hble Servant
Alexr. Douglas.

Callicut
19th. March 1746/7
℔ Toney.

N°. 69

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIRS

ENCLOSED is Duplicate of what we wrote you by the Grabs under the 6^th. Instant, as likewise of our Letter of the 14^th. forwarded by a Portugueze express Boat to Goa: In consequence of which we now dispatch this by the Ramban express Boat, and enclosed You will receive our advices to the Honble Company with a Packet for the President and Council at Bengall which you are to forward as directed on their respective Superscriptions.

We are
Your Loving Friends
W. WAKE.
N. WHITTWELL.
W. SEDGWICKE.
THO^S. MARSH.
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
R. SANDERS.
GEORGE SCOTT.

BOMBAY CASTLE
MARCH THE 17^TH. 1746/7
℔ RAMBAN EXPRESS BOAT.

N°. 70

SIR AND SIRS

By these four Toneys I send you eight Timbers.

I am
SIR & SIRS
Your most Humble Serv^t.
ALEX^R. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
22^D. MARCH 1746/7
℔ TONEY.

N°. 71

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R.
CHIEF &C^A. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

I AM now to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 14^th. and 20^th. Inst^t. and conformable to your orders I enquired of the Linguist what was become of the Old House Furniture, in answer to which he tells me that he never rec'd charge of any and therefore can give no Account of what is become of it.

I informed the Linguist of the error committed in his Account of Cordage sent to Tellicherry in Oct^r. last and asked him how so great a blunder could be made, he acquaints me that in that Month he was indisposed and left the Acco^ts. to Manuel Netto by whom the Mistake was made and he thinks it arose from the hurry they were then in, in Sending necess^s. to Tellicherry. The difference the Linguist will pay.

Such Stores as are provided for the Presidency shall be kept in readiness to Ship off should any conveyances offer before the rains and regard shall be had to the List you enclosed me, but I must acquainted [*sic*] You that the eighteen Masts

and Yards wanted for the Sloops can't be gott till the beginning of October next as You may see by my Letter of the 6th. Instt. when your orders arrived for the purchasing them there were none to be got in the place nor is the Merchant able to bring them from Inland till October.

There are no Candles remaining here the Linguist informs me that the whole quantity directed to be provided have been sent up to Tellicherry.

Should any of the Men of War call here I shall take care to advise the Commrs. of what Stores have been provided here for his Majestys Service which are two Lower Masts and 4500 Covits of Sheathing Plank, and desire to know whether the Commrs. are to pay for these two articles here, or whether a receipt for them is only to be taken.

The Linguist is not able as yet to give me the particulars you want of the Timber and Plank provided on Account of Govr. Morse, so soon as I can gett an accot. from him will draw one out for your Inspection.

To day I dispatched the two Peons to Fort St. Davids and sent a Bramine with them.

This afternoon came in here from the Northward a French Ship, I learn she came from Mayhee.

By this Toney you will receive three hundred and fifty Mats for embaling Pepper. The Flag has been rec'd. I am

CALLICUT — SIR & SIRS
21ST. MARCH 1746/7 — Your most Obedt. Hble Servt.
℔ TONEY. — ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 72

SIR AND SIRS

BY this Toney I send you one hundred Bamboes. I am

CALLICUT — SIR & SIRS
THE 1ST. APRIL 1747 — Your most humble Servant
℔ TONEY. — ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 73

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

ENCLOSED we send you a Packet for the Honble the President and Council of Bombay which we beg you will Please to forward with all Expedition being the advise of the death of Mr. Hatton, we hope it may arrive in time that we may have another assistant before the Rains.

IT is a Considerable time Since we heard from you, but we Conclude no mischief has happen'd, as ill news generally flys too fast we should be glad to hear of the departure of the French Ships that we may have an Opportunity of sending for the Treasure and Stores as we are in great want of them.

We are

ANJENGO — SIR & SIRS
MARCH YE. 26TH. 1747 — Your most Hble Servants
℔ TONEY. — RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N°. 74

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS.

SIR AND SIRS

THE accompanying packett I recēd this day from the Chief and Factors at Anjengo which I now forward to you The Mucquas of this Toney have recēd one fanam or ninety raes. I am

CALLICUT
THE 3^D^. APRIL 1747
℔ TONEY.

SIR & SIRS
Yr. most Hble Servt.
ALEX^R^. DOUGLAS.

N°. 75

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

THE accompanying Letter I recēd this day by way of Anjengo, which I forward to you ℔ Toney Express. I am

CALLICUT
THE 6 APRIL 1747
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Hble Servant
ALEX^R^. DOUGLAS.

N°. 76

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^R^.
CHIEF &C^A^. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR Letter of the 11^th^. Instant I received this day, and the several things mentioned therein will be provided, except the four thousand Small Bamboes there being none at present to be got.

The Accompanying Letter I received this day from the Chief and Factors of Anjengo which I forward to you, as likewise I send my accounts for last Month.

The Mucquas of a Tellicherry Toney which came this day from Anjengo have been supplyed with half a Rupee on Account of their provisions. I am

CALLICUT
THE 13^TH^. APRIL 1747
℔ TONEY.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Humble Servant
ALEXANDER DOUGLAS.

No. 77

To George Dudley Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

Your Letter of the 21^st^. Ultimo came to hand the 27^th^. by which we observe that you had Recieved no more than tenn Barrels of Gunpowder of the fifty sent us by the Grabs the Rest being Carried back to Bombay.

We observe that the President &c^a^. Council had indulged you with a Liberty of Opening the Boxes q^tg^. the Packets of Ships Exeter and Lynn to take out your private Letters, and Shou'd have been glad they had granted us the same permision without which we fear that our taking such a liberty might have been thought a presumption in us so must beg to be Excused opening them shoud an oppertunity offer which we can hardly Expect at Present.

The President &c^a^. inform us in their Commands of the 6^th^. Ultimo that we should Recieve from you twenty Candy of Lead five thousand Flints and fifty Barrels of Gunpowder we indented for in January, These last Stores we Suppose were on board the Grabbs and returned to Bombay but if you can Supply us with any part of them they will be of use Especially some Lead and Iron.

M^r^. Bourchier having informed us that he had Received advice from George Dudley Esq^r^. of the Departure of four of the French Ships from Mahie, we now send three Toneys which we think will be the safest Conveyance for our Treasury which You will please to dispatch when You think they may come with the greatest Safety, the Pingett is already with you or at Callicut, which will Serve to bring such Stores as went damage by Rain and to morrow are [*sic*] propose sending a [nimble] Schooner (which Rows and Sails well) to take in the Gunns and Gunpowder Stationary Ware &c^a^. as she has a Deck to secure them both from the Fire and Rain The Season being so farr Elapsed makes us very Anxious for the Treasury, which we are in Real want of at present we make no doubt you will have it protected as low as Callicut after which we hope there is no great danger. We are

Sir & Sirs
Y^r^. most Humble Servants
R^d^. Bourchier.
Tho^s^. Pattle.
Francis Fowke.

Anjengo
April 7^th^. 1747
℔ Toney.

No. 78

To George Dudley Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

By this Toney you will receive One hundred Pirempaes and four Jarrs q^tg^. Nine Maunds of Ghee.

Enclosed I send you an Account of what Money the Linguist says has been advanced for Plank for Gov^r^. Morse, the other particulars required shall be sent so soon as I can gett an Account from Francisco Dias. I am

Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. Hble Serv^t^.
Alex^r^. Douglas.

Callicut
the 17^th^. April 1747
℔ Toney.

N°. 79

SIR AND SIRS

By this Toney I send You two thousand five Hundred small Bamboe Mats. I'm.

CALLICUT. SIR & SIRS
THE 21ST. APRIL 1747 Your most Hble Servant
℔ TONEY. ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

N°. 80

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

By this Toney I send you three Jars containing six and a half Maunds of Ghee.

The Corporal and Four Topass soldiers have been supply'd with four days provisions. I am

CALLICUT SIR AND SIRS
APRIL 20TH. 1747 Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
℔ TONEY. ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

N°. 81

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

ACCOMPANYING this I send you three Topasses who are willing to enter into the Military at your Settlement they have been supplyed with two Fanams on Account of their Provisions. They came from Baraby near Cochin. I am

CALLICUT. SIR AND SIRS
THE 25TH. APRIL 1747 Your most Obedt. Hble Servant
℔ TONEY. ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

N°. 82

SIR AND SIRS

By this Toney I send you three Candies of Capaut Coir. I am

CALLICUT SIR AND SIRS
THE 25TH. APRIL 1747 Your most Hble Servant
℔ TONEY ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 83

To George Dudley Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

By this Munchua I send you eight Jars q^tg^. One hundred twenty Six Bottles Spirits of Wine.

I desire You will be pleased to send me a supply of Cash for the Rains as likewise desire you will send three thousand Oysters Shells for the Use of the Factory. I am

Callicut
the 2^d^. May 1747
℔ Munchua.

Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. Hble Serv^t^.
Alex^r^. Douglas.

No. 84

To George Dudley Esq^r^.
Chief &c^a^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

This day I rec'd your Letter of Yesterdays date with the Sum of Rup^s^. Four thousand and 3000 Oyster Shells for which Tellicherry Factory shall have due Credit.

In regard to what you write of there being a defeciency of twenty Bottles of Spirits of Wine, I am now to acquaint you that I cant judge how the same arose, for the Jars were measured in the Factory before I gave them to the Tivey to distill the Spirits in, nor can I think of any other way the said Deficiency could arise than that possibly some might be spilt out of the Jars in the Munchua.

Agreable to your Orders I now return you the Detachment of Soldiers who have been supplied with two days Provisions.

Enclosed I send you my Accounts for last Month. I am

Callicut
the 8^th^. May 1747
℔ Toney.

Sir and Sirs
Your most Obed^t^. Hble Serv^t^.
Alex^r^. Douglas.

No. 85

To William West Esq^r^.
Provisional Chief &c^a^. Factors At Tellicherry.

Sirs

The General advices from your Factory of the 28^th^. U[l]timo came to hand the 22^d^. Instant ℔ Salamaty Express Boat.

M^r^. Dudley having requested by Letter of the 28^th^. Ultimo to be relieved on Account of his ill State of Health and the Honble Companys Commands for displacing him being arrived here since he wrote that Letter we have thought proper to direct that M^r^. West who is now a member of our Board by their said Orders should on Receipt hereof receive the Charge of the Chiefship from him and to hold the Same Provisionally untill good Opportunity offers after the Rains for our sending one of his superiours from hence Enclosed is Copy of a Letter we now write M^r^. Dudley on this Occasion by which you will, perceive we have desired him to Assist

you with his advice if requested during his Stay at your Settlement. And as we doubt not of his Willingness therein we recommend that you consult him on all difficult Points, treating him on all Occasions with that Respect due to the Station he has bore in our Honble Masters service.

We observe you have paid off to Mr. Geekies Attorney the Amount Principal of the Plank which Mr. Morse some time ago ordered to be provided at Callicut, And as the Gentlemen at Fort St. David have desired you to make good the Interest likewise we would have you do it accordingly sending the Plank thither by the Warwicke or Prs. Augusta as either or both may be able to take it in.

We approve of Your not advancing money to the Pepper Merchants till the French Ships are sailed As likewise of the Allowance you made the Widow Butler on Account of her necessitys and her late Husbands long and good Services to the Honble Company.

We well approve the Agreement you have entered into with the 1st. King of Cotiote and doubt not your best Endeavours to cultivate a Friendship with all the Country Powers round you.

As it is extreamly probable the French ships must have left Mahie are [*sic*] this time on Account of the Season of the Year, we have Determined on the Dispatch of the Severn and Ilchester to Great Brittain the latter of which now proceeds in Company of the Warwick and Princess Augusta to Your Port to be sent away from thence with the utmost Expedition as we shall here after direct.

But the Severn being compleatly loaded here we have given Captain Collier his final Dispatches for Great Britain and in lieu of the thirty Men he left at your Settlement we have Shipt the like Number of good Topasses leaving it to himself to touch at your Port for his own Men which should he do you must send them off instantly, when he will return the Topasses to You.

On the Ilchester we have laden only two thousand (2000) Bags of Salt Petre at low Freight her Tonnage therefore remains to be entirely compleated by you which being done and the Commander having received as much surplus Pepper as he will engage in behalf of his Owners to carry at half Freight (or at least as much as time will permit of taking on board) as also the Men he left at your Settlement you are to deliver him his final Dispatches for Great Britain and although it is some what late in the Season yet as Country Ships that have sailed hence much later especially one on the 4th. of May have been known to take in their Loadings and get safe off the Coast we doubt Your utmost Endeavours will be exerted to fill up this Ship and hasten her away as above directed Should She however not be able either through Badness of the Weather or Danger from the Enemy to take in her full Loading, you are to order the Commander to make the best of his Way to Fort St. David consigned what Pepper you may have put on board in part of her Cargoe with the Sandall Wood provided for the China Ships to the Dep: Govr. & Council there forwarding thither our Packet enclosed But should either of the above Obstacles prevent her receiving any Goods at your Port or taking in her Men she is to be dispatched in like manner to Fort St. Davids you ordering her Men to Anjengo by some proper Conveyance before the Rains.

On the Warwick we have loaden [*lacuna*] Bales of Cotton for the Bay you are therefore on her arrival to Ship on board her the eight Chests of Foreign Silver you have remaining should not the Exeter have had Occasion for them and consigning the same to the President and Council at Bengal Ordering Capt. Misenor his Men being previously returned him to proceed in Company of the Prs. Augusta to Fort St. David there to follow such Orders as he may receive from the Deputy Govr. and Council for his further Proceedings.

Messrs. Stonestreet and Robinson having by Letter to the President promised to be extreamly diligent for the future in our Honble Masters Service we hereby direct that they be reinstated and take their Seats at your Board accordingly.

Since writing the foregoing your advices of the 4th. Inst^{t}. are come to hand p^{r}. Futtee Mombarrack Express Boat.

On the Ilchester we have put on board one hundred Topass Soldiers for the Service of Fort S^{t}. David, but should you have a Prospect of filling her up for Europe they are to be sent to that Settlement on the Warwick and P^{rs}. Augusta.

Enclosed is a Packet from the President to Captain Tedd, which is to be delivered him provided you dispatch his Ship to Europe otherwise it must be forwarded on that Ship to the Deputy Governour and Council of Fort S^{t}. David.

BOMBAY CASTLE
THE 28TH. OF APRIL 1747.

We are
Your Loving Friends

WILLIAM WAKE.
N. WHITTIVELL [*sic*].
THO^{S}. MARS [*sic*].
J. MUNRO.
R. RAWDON.
R. SANDERS.
G. SCOTT.

P.S.

Let the four hundred fifty five Bags of Peas you landed from the Wake be sent on the Warwick or P^{rs}. Augusta to Fort S^{t}. David there to be delivered to the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Squadron.

Enclosed is the Ilchesters Charter Party, which is to be forwarded on her to Fort S^{t}. David provided you dispatch her thither.

Should you dispatch the Ilchester to Europe the Sandall Wood is to be sent to Fort S^{t}. David on the Warwick or P^{rs}. Augusta which can best take it in.

℔ SEVERN.

N^{o}. 86

TO GEORGE DUDLEY ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. COUNCIL AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

WE have received your favours of the 19th. February and 19th. Ultimo and write this to advise you of the Death of M^{r}. Hinde on the 14th. Instant, and that the Succession has devolved on M^{r}. Charles Floyer, it having been resigned to him by M^{r}. Edward Croke whose Age and Indisposiion wou'd not Permit him to take so heavy a Charge. Also that our Honble Masters Ship Lapwing arrived here on the 20th. past directly from Europe, she was 3 Months and 21st. days or [*sic*] her Passage and brought us a very Welcome Supply of Treasure. We have sent you Inclosed a List of the shipping taken up by our Honble Masters for their Use the E[n]sueing Year which is all the remarkable News we have received by her.

We thank you for the advices you have given us of the French Ships on your Coast, and request you will Continue to do the same as Occasion Offers.

You have no doubt been advised from Bombay to whom we sent the Acco^{t}. that the French came on another Attempt against this Place on the first Ultimo, and that his Majesties Ships Came most Opportunely to our Relief the next day. Their whole Squadron Still Continue here and we believe M^{r}. Griffin will be very Glad to have a meeting with the French ships That were on your Coast should they Chance to Come this Way.

We are now Preparing to Dispatch the Brittannia for Europe with a Loading of Bales, and the Lapwing we are Ordered to send to the West Coast with all Expedition.

We herewith Inclose a Letter for the Chief and Council at Anjengo which we desire you will Forward to them.

We are

FORT ST. DAVID
THE 23D. APRIL 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedt. Hble Servts.
CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WILLM. HOLT.
A. WYNCH.
THOS. COOKE *Junr.*

No. 87

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

By those Nairs Jungadoes I send you 10 Topasses who came from Cochin and are willing to enter into the military at your Settlement, they have been supply'd with provisions during their stay here, as likewise for their passage to Tellicherry. I am

CALLICUT
THE 21ST. MAY 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedt. Humble Servt.
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

No. 88

To WILLIAM WEST ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Yesterday came to hand your Letter of the 18th. Instt. and agreable to your orders send you an Account of Remains as likewise, a price Current of Goods and Rates of Coins at this Place.

What Ghee was procurable at this Place has already been sent you, should any come from Inland I shall take care to procure it.

Your Packet I forwarded this Morning to Anjengo ℔ Pattamar. I am

CALLICUT
THE 23D. MAY 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

SIR AND SIRS
Your most Obedient Servant
ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

N°. 89 [*vide letter No.* 86 *on p.* 50.]

To GEORGE DUDLEY ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

WE have received your favour of the 19th. February and 19th. March and write this to advise of the Death of Mr. Hinde on the 14th. Instt. and that the Succession has devolved on Mr. Charles Floyer it having been resigned to him by Mr. Edeward Croke whose Age and Indisposition would not permit him to take so heavy a Charge Also that our Honourable Masters ships Lapwing arrived here on the 20th. past directly from Europe she was three months twenty One days on her Passage; and brought a very welcome Supply of Treasure. We have sent you Enclosed a List of the Shipping taken up by our Honourable Masters for Their Use the ensuing Year which is all the remarkable news we have received by her.

We thank you for the Advices of the French Ships on Your Coast you have given us and request you will continue the Same as Occasion offers.

You have no doubt been advised from Bombay to whom we sent the Account that the French came an another Attempt against this Place on the 1st. Ulto. and that his Majestys Ships came most opportunely to our relief the next day. The whole Squadron still Continues here, and we believe Mr. Griffin will be very glad to have a meeting with the French Ships (on your Coast) Should they chance to come this way.

We are now preparing to dispatch the Brittannia for Europe with a Lading of Bales and the Lapwing we are ordered to send to the West Coast with all Expedition.

We herewith enclose a Letter for Mr. Bourchier at Anjengo which we desire you will forward to him.

FORT ST. DAVID
23D. APRIL 1747.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Yourt most Hble Servants

CHAS. FLOYER.
EDWD. CROKE.
WM. HOLT.
A. WYNCH.
THOS. COOKE.

GENTLEMEN

The foregoing is Duplicate of our last under the 23d. Ulto. since we have little else to advise you but that we dispatched our Hoñble Masters Ship Britannia for Europe on the 4th. Instt. and that the Exeter passed by Madrass on the 20th. Ulto. and we suppose is gone to the Bay she left the Cape on the 29th. Novr. and had buried 14 Men and Eighty Seven were sick on board. The Lapwing sailed for Bencoolem the 16th. Instant. We are

FORT ST. DAVID
18 THE MAY 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

C. F.
E. C.
W. H.
A. W.
T. C.

N°. 90

To William West Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir & Sirs

Enclosed I send my Account for last Month. I am

Callicut
the 6^th^. June 1747
℔ Pattamarr.

Sir & Sirs
Y^r^. Most Obed^t^. Servant
Alex^R^. Douglas.

N°. 91

To William West Esq^R^.
Provisional Chief &c^A^. Factors At Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 21^st^. Ultimo with what mentioned to be Enclosed.

The Severn and Warwick and Ilchester with the Princess Augusta arrived here on the 28^th^. of last Month and brought us a Reinforcement and several other acceptable Supplies from Bombay.

We have since thought proper to put the Warwick and Ilchester under the directions of Commodore Griffin on which the Commanders have left it to us to give Directions relating to the Men they have left with you, We therefore desire you will send them as well as those belonging to the Severn to this Place when You have an Opportunity.

The Swift Snow belonging to our Hoñble Masters imported here this Morning from Europe having been at S^t^. Helena, Cape and Gallee and has brought nothing but a Letter from the Secret Committee By her we Learn that the Porto Bello Sloop left S^t^. Helena on the 10^th^. February the Somerset and Pelham left the Cape on the 4^th^. April and the London and Augusta were to leave it on the 13^th^. and the Walpole is thought to have pass'd it she having been parted with to the Eastward, the Apollo and Anglesea Priveteers were then cruizing thereabouts, We likewise hear that ten of the outward bound Ships were at Gravesend the 23^d^. of Dec^r^. ready for sailing in Company with the Bristol and Eltham Men of War one of 50 & the other 40 Guns. We are

Fort S^t^. David
the 18^th^. June 1747
℔ Pattamar.

Gentlemen
Y^r^. most humble Servants
Cha^s^. Floyer.
Edw^D^. Croke.
W^m^. Holt.
A. Wynch.
Tho^s^. Cooke *Jun^r^.*

N°. 92

To William West Esq^R^.
Chief &c^A^. Factors at Tellicherry.

Sir and Sirs

Last Night your Letter of the 24^th^. Ult^o^. came to hand advising of the French Ships being at Goa which is very Acceptable news, as they could not have gone to any Place which would have been more prejudicial to their People We hope

the Acco^{t}. of the Squadron from the Island to join them in August is as false as that Mons^{r}. De la Bourdounois is to Command it, we being well inform'd that, that Gentlemen is dismissed ther Service.

We shall not omit advising you of any Acco^{ts}. we gett of the Enemy & make no doubt that you will do the Same.

ANJENGO
JULY THE 7TH. 1747

℔ PATTAMAR.

We are
SIR AND SIRS

Your most Humble Servants
R^{D}. BOURCHIER.
THO^{S}. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

N^{o}. 93

TO WILLIAM WEST ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

YOUR two Letters of the 8 and 10th. Inst^{t}. have been received and agreable to your directions I provided four Pattarahs for Guides to Beccan Caun and the Sepoys under his Command and dispatch'd them to Fort S^{t}. David the 14th.

This Evening came to hand the Accompanying packet from the Chief and Factors at Anjengo which they desired might be forwarded with Expedition, therefore Send it ℔ Pattamar.

I am
SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servant
ALEX^{R}. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
THE 21ST. JUNE 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

N^{o}. 94

TO WILLIAM WEST ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF &C^{A}. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR & SIRS

WE have recieved your several Letters of the 6th. 9th. 15th. and 29th. April & 5th. & 18th. Ult^{o}. to all which we shall now Reply.

The several Sums advanced our Toneys shall be brought to the Credit of your Factory we shall be glad to hear that you have certain advices of the Four French Ships whither they Winter at Goa for if they do not they must be gone to the Islands, Our three Boats with the five Chests of Treasure, the Pingett and other boat all returned safe and the Stores agreable to your Accounts of them, we have received also our Generall Letters from the Presidency, and the Acco^{ts}. Stores short delivered from the Ilchester amounting with 30 ℔ Cent to Rup^{s}. thirty three, fifty five Raes.

The Schooner we sent for our Stores having met with a little dirty Weather at her first seting out so frieghten'd the fellows that they were afraid to proceed, we shall send her up as soon as the Monsoon will permit. We shall Credit your Factory Rup^{s}. forty three one quarter and Eighty Seven (43. 1. 87) for the Lead and Money advanced the Boat which brought that and the Shott.

Your last Letter of the 18th. Ultimo Came to hand the 5th. Inst^{t}. and we Congratulate M^{r}. West on his having the Charge of your Factory.

With Concern we hear that the Severn, Warwick and Ilchester, miss'd your Port, as no doubt they must be in want of their Men especially the Severn We have dispatches from Fort S^{t}. Davids of the 18th. Ultimo but no news of any Consequence later than yours, only that a Macao Ship had fallen into Commodore Griffin hands which had some French Effects on board.

We make doubt that you will send us the Earliest advices of any French Ships being on the Coast, or of any of their projects which may Come to your knowledge as we shall be use[d] to do.

The 9th. Ultimo we recieved a Letter from the Commodore and Council of Cochin informing us of their General & Councels of Batavias Insolent Prohibition of any Nations trading in Ophium to the Eastern parts of India, which we have sent to Bombay, as we shall do to our Honble Masters, being an affair of delicate a nature for us to say any thing to.

We are

SIR AND SIRS

Your most Humble Servants

RD. BOURCHIER.
THOS. PATTLE.
FRANCIS FOWKE.

ANJENGO
JUNE THE 8TH. 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

No. 95

To WILLIAM WEST ESQR.
CHIEF &CA. FACTORS AT TELLICHERRY.

SIR AND SIRS

Yesterday came to hand your Letter of the 24th. Inst^{t}. with a Packet for the Chief and Factors at Anjengo which I duely forwarded ℔ Pattamar.

Accompanying this I send you two Topasses who came from Cochin, and are willing to enter into the Military at your place they have been supplied with provisions during their Stay here and for their passage, and two Nairs Jungadoes goes along with them for Guides. I am

SIR AND SIRS

Your most humble Servant

ALEXR. DOUGLAS.

CALLICUT
THE 28TH. JUNE 1747
℔ PATTAMAR.

To

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